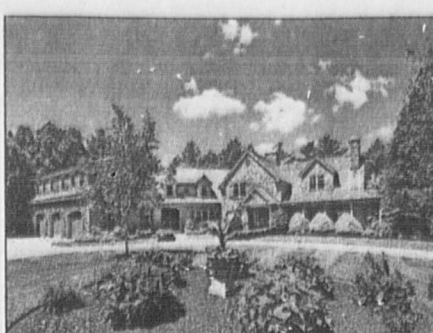




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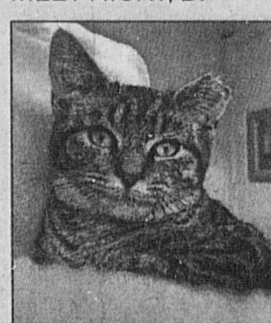
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BOUND BROOK

Culvert project plagued with problems

Cracked gas main adds insult to injury

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Beechwood residents are fed up with construction on Bound Brook Dam after

the contractor, New England Building and Bridge Company, cracked a brand new, two-inch plastic gas main with an excavator last weekend, leaving many on the west end of town without heat on the coldest day of the year so far.

The incident came directly

on the heels of a water main break and shifted road plates the previous weekend, both of which resulted in lengthy road closures. But those, noted selectmen during a discussion Tuesday, Dec. 13, could be considered mistakes – just things that happen during roadwork.

Hitting a gas main is on a whole different level.

"The gas could have been a disaster," said Selectman Paul Schubert. "It could have ignited."

"Beyond people being inconvenienced when it's only 22 degrees outside, hitting a new pipeline

that was just installed is unacceptable," added Chairman Kevin McCarthy. "It disrupted the entire community and possibly endangered lives with 22-degree temperatures for elderly citizens."

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A visit with Santa Claus



Cole Appel, 2½, tells Santa his wishes during the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce Holiday Stroll on Saturday, Dec. 10. For more photos, see page A4. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/TOM GORMAN

UPDATE

Road relief

Private ways policy approved

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Selectmen on Dec. 13 approved a private ways policy that will offer a path to betterment for residents of crumbling private roads.

Because private ways are owned by residents and not the Town, the Town can only offer patch jobs and snow plowing. Residents are on the hook for repaving expenses when it comes time to replace those roads. But under the new policy, that will change.

The new policy offers a definition of "private way" and a classification system to help the Town assess how much assistance (if any) it can offer to residents. It suggests a "pathway to public way" for qualifying roads, which must meet minimum standards for width, grade, and drainage.

Kevin McCarthy, chairman of the board, reminded the board that this is a policy, not a bylaw, and encouraged the other selectmen to keep it general rather than getting "lost in the weeds."

"We don't want to get too detailed and lock ourselves in," said McCarthy. "It's not going to be a perfect policy like a ship going out to sea perfectly. There's no way to anticipate everything." Naturally, he said, some adjustments would need to be made later, but that was no reason to hold off any longer.

Selectwoman Diane Kennedy, however, wasn't so sure.

"I thought we were working on a policy to handle road repairs on private ways," said Kennedy. "Acceptance is a whole other world from whether we can repair it."

Kennedy said the

ART CENTER

Comics class draws middle school kids

Toyoshima helps his students tell stories

By Amanda C. Thompson
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If you're not into superheroes, you might think comics aren't for you. Tak Toyoshima would beg to differ.

Contrary to popular belief, comics aren't only about superheroes; that's just the most popular kind in America. And they're not just for kids, either. Comics can tell any kind of story. That's what Toyoshima is teaching middle grade students in his "comics and sequential art" classes at the South Shore Art Center.

"Everybody likes different kinds of comics," Toyoshima said, noting that anime and manga (forms of Japanese animation) are more popular among his students than

the mainstream American style seen in Marvel and DC Comics.

Each student has his or her own taste, and moreover, his or her own skill set. Some are developing original characters, worlds and stories while others are creating fan-fictions featuring characters, worlds or stories first imagined by others. That translates to a

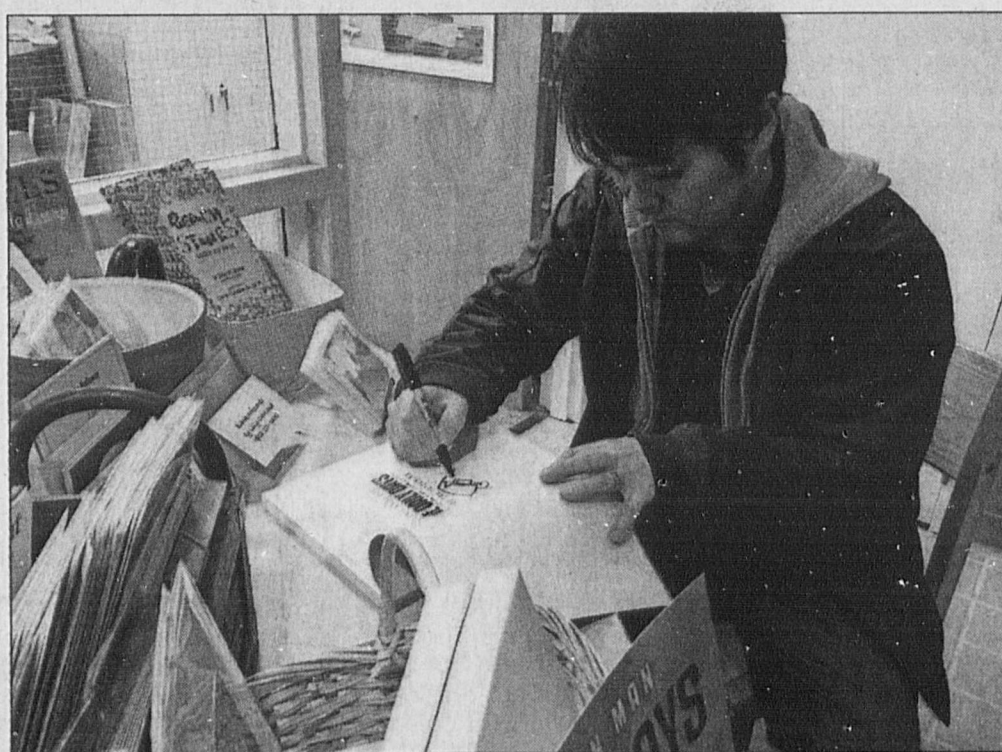
lot of individual instruction in the classroom.

"I'm not expecting the same thing from everybody," Toyoshima said. "They all have different abilities, and it requires one-on-one. It's not 'draw an oval, now draw a line...' I like to see how they do it, because they all do it differently."

If he's not teaching prescriptive drawing methods,

then what are students learning in class? A lot of it is storytelling. In a comic, panels follow one another just as actions and events do in real life. Students need to learn how to relay a story in the same way.

Basic techniques like composition and angle, continuity, and remembering



Tak Toyoshima doodles on the title page of his book "The Daily Days," a compilation of his "Secret Asian Man" comics. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

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Legal Briefs

by Kevin Phillips
Attorney at Law



PRODUCT LIABILITY LAW

Many years ago, the operative phrase for those purchasing goods was "caveat emptor" (buyer beware). It was the purchaser's responsibility to check the safety of the product before buying. A consumer could only sue a manufacturer if he or she could prove either negligence or that the product did not live up to its warranties. Today, it is not reasonable to expect that consumers should be able to check products such as electronic goods for defects. Thus, the law has evolved to the point where the consumer is protected against manufacturer negligence by "product liability law," which allows a consumer to recover damages from a manufacturer or seller on the basis of strict liability, negligence, and breach of warranty.

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John Whiteside

Name: John Whiteside.

Occupation: Director of Music Ministries at St. Stephen's.

Best day of your life: The day I met my wife.

Best (or worst) vacation: Best vacation was a trip to visit family in London. We were there for four days, did some sightseeing, but mostly just sat and talked, and talked, and talked. And ate, and ate, and had a grand time.

Favorite season: Spring—because the first warm day after these New England winters is always a treat.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving—all that great food! And a chance to visit family.

Favorite snack: Tamari roasted almonds. I'm addicted.

Best book: "Sherlock Holmes"—must have read it at least a dozen times and I know most of it by heart.

Best movie (or actor): "To Catch a Thief" with Cary Grant. Great movie.

Best TV show: "All Creatures Great and Small." Great show.



The Mariner caught up with John Whiteside at St. Stephen's this week. He hopes you will attend A Gala Holiday Concert featuring the Brass Artisan Quartet at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD

Best music, group, or artist: That's a toughie because there are so many great musicians in the world who make music in all genres. Aretha Franklin? The Beatles? Charles Mingus?

Pet peeve: People who hate music.

Fun fact: One year my wife gave me brightly colored socks with great designs. It's something I would never buy myself, and now I wear them all the time.

Goal: To touch people with music.

Person you'd most like to meet: Rex Stout.

Biggest worry: Will I get that tough passage right in my music?

Best part of Cohasset: The carillon at St. Stephen's. It is an astoundingly beautiful instrument.

COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Brown Bag Lunch and Movie is Monday

All events take place at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier Street, unless noted. Call for Reservations: 781-383-9112.

WEEKLY LUNCHES: Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations are required no less than 24-hours in advance. Delicious Meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3.00.

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 20,** Chef Whit, Chicken Casserole

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 21,** Lunch Provided by Cohasset Pizza House

■ **Thursday, Dec. 22,** Chef: Andrea and Launch, Meatball Parm

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: Please be advised that Cohasset Elder Affairs will be closed on Monday Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & MOVIE Monday, Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m. The Holiday. Seeking change, LA resident Amanda (Cameron Diaz) and Londoner Iris (Kate Winslet) decide to swap homes during the holidays. Free.

INTERGENERATIONAL LUNCH Thursday, Dec. 22,

12 p.m. Join Miss Carolan's fourth grade Deer Hill class. Lunch and Bingo with the students. \$3 lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance.

THE SPACE BETWEEN THE NOTES. Thursday, Dec. 29, 12 p.m. Kick in the New Year with entertainment by student musicians. \$3 lunch. Reservations required, 24 hours in advance.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

■ **Cohasset Café:** Mondays, 9 to 11 a.m. Drop in for coffee, conversation and fresh baked treats provided by The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. \$3.

■ **French Conversation:** Mondays, 10 a.m. Looking to improve your French? Informal gatherings for those less-than-expert. Drop in.

■ **Zumba Gold,** Fridays, 10 to 11 a.m. Ditch the work out! Join the party! Zumba Gold workout incorporates dance/fitness routines set to Latin and international rhythms but is performed at a lower intensity than regular Zumba. Great for cardio, range of motion and balance. Drop in. \$5.

YOGA CLASSES

■ **Gentle Yoga:** Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Instructor, Amy

DiLillo. Drop in \$5.

■ **Mary's Yoga:** Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. Instructor, Mary Ernst.

■ **Chair Yoga:** Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Instructor, Amy DiLillo. Drop in \$5.

■ **Yoga/Meditation,** Thursdays 9:30 a.m. Amy DiLillo and Jen Willms. Half yoga and half meditation. Learn relaxation techniques that you can use any time. Drop in. \$5.

■ **Veteran's Services** Hours, Monday, Wed, Thurs, 2 to 4 p.m., Tues. 2 to 6 p.m.

■ **Bridge:** Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m., Bring your own foursome.

■ **Senior Stretch,** Mondays 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Low impact class focusing on balance and flexibility.

■ **Strength and Conditioning Class** Thursdays, 10:30-11:30. Follow the instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. \$5.00 per class.

■ **Book Club,** Second Friday of the month, 10 p.m.

■ **Knitting:** Drop in. Fridays from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Learners welcome.

TRANSPORTATION

Door-to-door van service to the following: (Out of

town trips, \$5 Round Trip).

■ **Medical Appointments:** within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset by appointment.

■ **FISH:** Medical rides to out of town appointments in volunteers' cars. Not wheelchair accessible.

■ **Around Town,** Route 3A, Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m.

■ **Shaws,** Tuesdays: 1 pm.

■ **Cohasset Train Station,** Wednesdays: 9:04 am train inbound. 3:08 return.

■ **Around Town (Downtown Cohasset),** Thursdays: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

■ **Farmers Market:** Thursdays, seasonally. Pick-ups begin at 1:45. Return at 3 p.m.

■ **Stop and Shop,** Fridays: 9:30 am.

■ **Walmart/Hanover Mall,** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am.

■ **Trader Joes/Marshalls,** 2nd Friday of the month: 9:30 am.

■ **Derby Street Shop-pes,** 3rd Friday of the month: 9:30 am.

■ **Christmas Tree Shop,** 4th Friday of the month: 9:30 am.

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Register of deeds to speak in Cohasset

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell will speak to the seniors of Cohasset at 10 a.m. Jan. 18 at Cohasset Elder Affairs, Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St..

The short speaking program will touch on the historical nature of the registry and the register's efforts to modernize and computerize the vast

number of Norfolk County real estate records. Following his remarks, the register will be available to answer individual questions. Members of the register's staff will also be available to assist in providing information about the Massachusetts Homestead Act. On-site work stations will be available to provide the status of a

mortgage discharge, print a copy of a deed or provide a demonstration on how the registry's On-Line Land Records Database works.

This is a community outreach initiative sponsored by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. It is O'Donnell's goal to provide a convenient way for residents to learn more about how the registry serves

Norfolk County. Although registry staff cannot provide legal advice, they will be able to answer basic questions, provide general information, take a document for recording and assist in filling out a Declaration of Homestead form. For information: norfolk-deeds.org; 781-461-6101; registerodonnell@norfolk-deeds.org.

South Shore Tide Chart

COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

DEC. 2016		HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.		
Thursday	15	11:46	11.3			5:27	-1.0	6:05	-1.9	7:05	4:11
Friday	16	12:26	9.9	12:39	11.0	6:19	-0.8	6:56	-1.7	7:05	4:12
Saturday	17	1:19	9.7	1:31	10.6	7:11	-0.5	7:47	-1.2	7:06	4:12
Sunday	18	2:12	9.4	2:25	10.0	8:05	-0.1	8:39	-0.7	7:07	4:12
Monday	19	3:05	9.1	3:20	9.4	8:59	0.3	9:32	-0.1	7:07	4:13
Tuesday	20	4:00	8.8	4:17	8.8	9:56	0.7	10:26	0.4	7:08	4:13
Wednesday	21	4:55	8.6	5:15	8.3	10:54	1.0	11:20	0.8	7:08	4:14
Thursday	22	5:51	8.5	6:14	8.0	11:55	1.1			7:09	4:14

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions. Usually, onshore winds or low barometric pressure will produce higher tides than predicted and vice-versa.

POLICE BEAT

Massive raccoon threatens couple in village

By Mary Ford
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Massive raccoon

A caller reported that an angry, aggressive and massively sized raccoon tried to attack him and his wife on Stagecoach Way in the village on Sunday (Dec. 11) around 2:40 p.m. The animal then went on the roof before going down the alley toward the dumpsters. Police are going to keep an eye out for the large critter.

According to Mass Wildlife, raccoons can weigh anywhere from 12 to 36 pounds, with some getting as large as 50 pounds and they range in length from 23 to 38 inches. A few years ago, a large raccoon took up residence under a deck in that area of the village and the animal control officer had a heck of a time getting it to come out so it could be relocated, police said.

Securing garbage bins, feeding your pets inside, securing areas under porches and decks, and capping chimneys are some

ways the state recommends to prevent conflicts with raccoons.

MVC

The 40-year-old Scituate driver of a 2010 Toyota sedan was cited for passing on the right following a two-car accident on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near the Starbucks entrance to Tedeschi Plaza on Wednesday morning (Dec. 7).

Police said both vehicles were headed north when a 2010 Audi sedan, operated by a 23-year-old Whitman woman, slowed to make a right into the plaza. The Toyota clipped the back corner of the Audi when it tried to pass on the right. Both cars were drivable and there were no injuries, police said.

Hit and run

Police are investigating an accident that likely involved a box truck, perhaps belonging to a catering company that was reported around 2:15 a.m. on Sunday (Dec. 11) at the

corner of Lighthouse Lane and Border Street. The truck reportedly backed into a large barrier boulder and somehow pulled it into a utility pole, denting it, before driving off. National Grid was contacted to check the pole. Police are looking into what events may have been held earlier that evening on Government Island to see if they can track the truck down.

Cat bite

Police were notified by South Shore Hospital on Monday morning (Dec. 5) that a cat that lives in a home on upper King Street had bitten a 24-year-old Hull woman.

The Animal Control Officer served the cat owner with a quarantine order, per state law. Basically the cat has to stay inside and avoid any contact with other pets during the quarantine period.

Parking lot

An 84-year-old Scituate woman backed into another vehicle at Shaw's

Plaza on Monday morning (Dec. 5). The person whose car was struck called police and reported the Scituate woman could not find her registration. An officer assisted her by verifying her registration through the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The vehicles involved were a 2011 Nissan Pathfinder and a 2014 Toyota RAV4. There was less than \$1,000 damage.

Purse stolen

An 86-year-old Cohasset woman reported to police on Tuesday (Dec. 6) around noontime that her purse had been taken from her unlocked 2012 Kia Soul that was parked at Willcutt Commons. The staff at the Senior Center whose windows face the parking lot did not see anything suspicious, police said.

Warrant arrest

Police arrested Frances T. Crane, 69, of 4 Stanton Road, on Wednesday morning (Dec. 7) on a

straight warrant out of Brockton District Court for larceny over \$250.

Scam

A Cohasset woman let police know that she had received a scam call about sweepstakes winnings last week. She did not provide any personal information but wanted to alert police to the call.

Locked in

AAA arrived at the scene in a neighborhood off Beechwood Street on Thursday morning (Dec. 8) to unlock a 2008 Infiniti with an 18-month-old inside. The car owner also called police. The car was not running at the time.

Coyote hit

Police were called to the intersection of Joy Place and N. Main Street on Thursday morning (Dec. 8) on a report of an injured coyote that had been struck by a car.

When police arrived the coyote had expired. The town contracts with a

private service that removes dead animals from town roads.

Deer on beach

The harbormaster notified police on Thursday morning (Dec. 8) about a dead deer in the beach near Margin Street that appeared to have been shot. Police investigated and the matter was turned over to the Environmental Police that took the animal. It is hunting season so it is possible that the deer was shot and wounded by a hunter and made its way to the beach.

Neighbor dispute

Police responded to a call from a S. Main Street resident last Friday (Dec. 9) about their neighbor raking leaves onto their property. The caller was informed it is a civil not a criminal matter.

Winter parking

The winter overnight parking ban is in effect until April 1. No on-street overnight parking allowed. \$25 fine for violators.

SCHOOLS



The School Committee discussed future plans for the special education program at the Middle School during their meeting on Dec. 7. Wicked Local Staff Photo

Team teaching offers more to special ed. students

By Amanda C. Thompson
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The spotlight is on special education at Cohasset Middle School. At the School Committee's Dec. 7 meeting, Mary Buchanan, director of student services, unveiled her road map for improving services to this population within the student body.

"We are underutilizing programs for kids that are in partial-inclusion settings," Buchanan said. "We need to use our resources to expand co-teaching."

Co-teaching means that, instead of having paraprofessionals and Education Support Professionals supplement activity in the general education classroom, courses would be taught by a teacher team that includes a general education teacher and a special education teacher.

Middle school students are currently pulled out of the classroom four to five times a week for 35 minutes at a time in order to receive special education instruction and academic support, a vital service that is not provided in classrooms.

In high school, 35 minutes turns into 90 minutes because of how classes are scheduled in a block rotation. Most special education students don't need that much time outside

"Studies show that educating students in a general education setting is most effective if those services can be provided in the classroom."

Mary Buchanan, director of student services

the classroom.

The vision going forward is to reduce the amount of time that students are pulled out of the classroom to receive extra support. The co-teaching model has been utilized successfully in many schools for a number of years. In fact, it's more common to have it than not — Cohasset is unusual in this respect.

"Co-teaching is a lot more than putting two bodies in a classroom," Buchanan said. "It's supporting that with ongoing coaching."

Changing strategies will require professional development and a cultural shift in the building. The school will have to develop a manual with guidelines on grading, assignments, curriculum, accommodations, strategies, activities, and rubrics.

And then there will be the Rubik's Cube of scheduling. Buchanan said that classroom enrollment should be balanced at around two-to-one, general education to special

education students. Students with similar needs should be grouped together, she said.

Buchanan acknowledged that adding this dimension to the already-difficult scheduling process would be a challenge, but she believes the effort will pay off by providing a better education to the students who need it most.

"Studies show that educating students in a general education setting is most effective if those services can be provided in the classroom," said Buchanan.

She added that co-teaching could also be a good way to better utilize the strengths of special education faculty and staff. Those who are good at English could be placed in a co-taught English class. Those who excel at math could be assigned there.

"It means utilizing special education staff in a more efficient manner," Buchanan said.

Buchanan said the approach should start at key natural change points in

a student's education. The transition from Deer Hill to the middle school is one such point, and the transition to high school is another. Therefore, Buchanan proposed to start introducing co-teaching in sixth and ninth grade.

Implementation will begin next year, with the emphasis on co-taught English and math classrooms. To fully implement a co-teaching model throughout the middle and high schools will take four years, allowing at least two years for teacher duos to adjust to working together.

"It takes time to develop a relationship," Buchanan said. "It's an arranged marriage; they have to make it work."

The decision to move from an inclusion model to a co-teaching one was based on an evaluation of the middle school special education resources, conducted in October by education consultant Jim Shillinglaw. The full report should be available in early January, including statistics and best practices.

Once it's available, the School Committee plans to conduct a Q&A session with Shillinglaw. Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.

Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

DON'T MISS THIS



The dropbox at the edge of the driveway at Town Hall. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARY FORD

What to know about Town Hall drop box

1. The Dropbox provides free 24/7 drop off for Town Hall payments and correspondence as a convenience for residents
2. It does NOT provide proof of delivery, particularly for Assessing applications.
3. If you need to meet a

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Avery Romano, 3, and her dad, Ryan, are decked out for the holiday stroll as they wait for the hayride.



John Roach takes a picture of his sons, Liam, Blake and Jack as they visit Santa at Coldwell Banker.



Santa arrives for the holiday stroll in Cohasset Village on Saturday, Dec. 10.

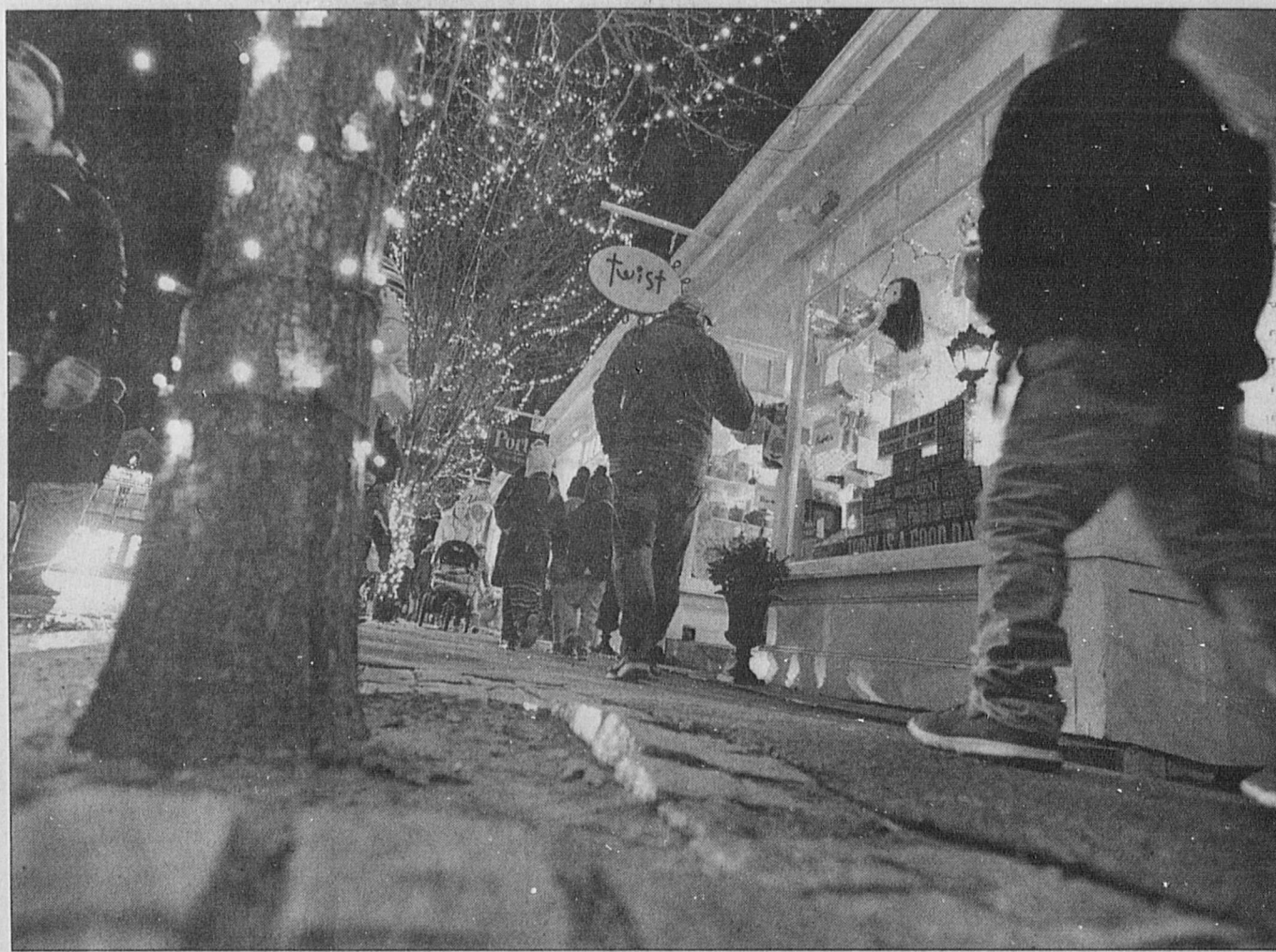
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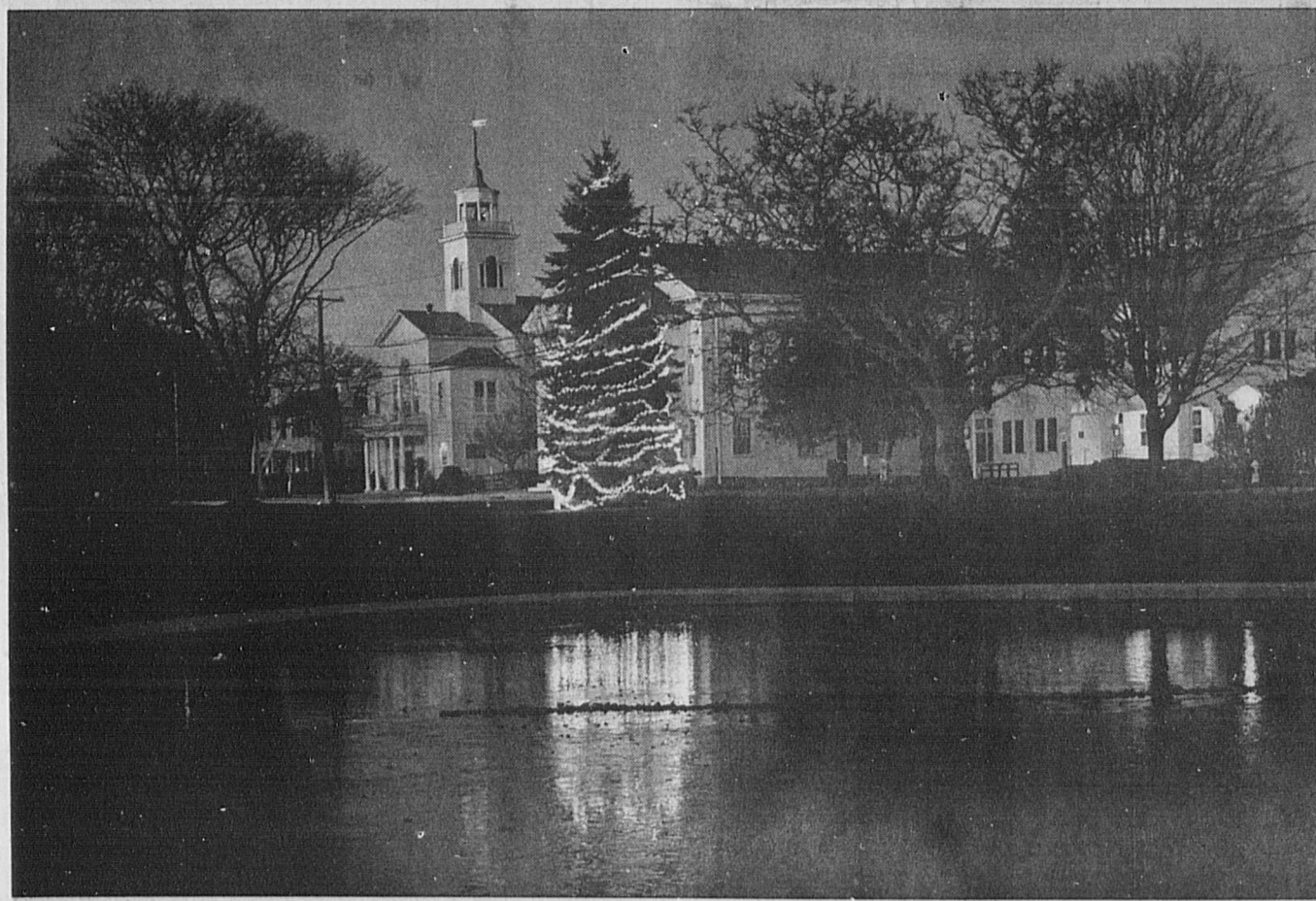
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Nolan McCloskey, 5, visits Santa at Coldwell Banker.



Festive lights glow in Cohasset Village during the holiday stroll on Saturday, Dec. 10.



The Christmas tree is reflected in the pond at the Cohasset Town Common.



Sofia Nappi, 5, carries her balloon animal.



St. Nicholas (David Bigley) waves as he makes his way through Cohasset Village.



Evie Brignolo, 15-mos., gives a high five to a dog character as grandmother Mary Ernst looks on.

KINDERGARTEN

Preschool parents, save the date

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Got questions about kindergarten? School leadership will answer them on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Joseph Osgood School library.

Enrollment dates are the key information you'll need in the early weeks of 2017. There will be kindergarten registration on Thursday, Jan. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

Previously, this process happened later in the year and was divided up alphabetically by last name. This year, anyone can register at whatever time is convenient for them on Jan. 12. Those who need to register later may do so, but enrolling early gives Osgood the time and information it needs to create a budget and plan for the correct number of teachers for next year.

There will be 100 full-day kindergarten slots available, including roughly six for students requiring extra accommodations via Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). If more than 100 students register for the full-day program, a lottery will be held.

Not sure whether half- or full-day kindergarten is right for your child? Bring your questions to the info session on Saturday, or keep an eye on the school website – a kindergarten info page is under development.

Osgood Principal Lisa Farrell assures parents, "Half day doesn't mean they're missing anything."

Farrell told the School



Osgood School Principal Lisa Farrell visited area preschools this week to notify parents that kindergarten registration is scheduled for Jan. 12. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

Committee last week that she would be paying a visit to each of the preschools in town to make sure parents have the information they need to register.

After registration, there will be a screening period from April 10 through 14, at which time the school will gather information about each of the students enrolled.

On May 3, there will be a formal kindergarten orientation. Officials specified that the December meeting is only an info session, not an orientation, although they will be happy to discuss process, expectations, and how parents can prepare themselves and their children for this next stage of

their lives. Parents can get a sense of daily kindergarten routines and expectations at the session on May 3.

Finally, in August, there will be meet-and-greets for parents and teachers once classroom assignments have been made. This is a great opportunity for kids to meet and play with other students who will be in their class and for classroom parents to network with one another.

—Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

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JENNIFER PIEPENBRINK

Cold snap

Hi Cohasset, how are you all doing this week? As I write this column, I just had the afternoon weather report on and heard that Friday morning it is going to be like, 1 to 3 degrees! OK, that is cold and I know that I said I love all the seasons, love the snow and oh it is so beautiful, blah, blah blah...that is way too cold! Please take the time for the next several days to protect everything during the cold snap. It only takes a few minutes literally to freeze! Pipes, kids, animals, you, skin, just stay WARM!

Holidays

I want to also put out the message of the holidays to please remember how important it is to keep in mind that regardless of how and who celebrates which holiday, what traditions and beliefs a family may have or follow, we are all a part of the Holiday season, including our children who have feelings that get hurt, ears that hear many things and pride in the way that they and their family celebrates! So wish each other Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays, whatever you like but most important is to just to enjoy each other. Have a wonderful week Cohasset and friends...1-4-3!

Science students

Paige Roche of Cohasset and Catherine O'Donnell of Braintree, Honors Forensic Science students at Archbishop Williams High School,



Paige Roche of Cohasset, right, and Catherine O'Donnell of Braintree, conduct DNA testing at Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Cambridge. COURTESY PHOTO

Braintree, recently donned mandatory goggles, gloves, and uniforms while conducting DNA testing at Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Cambridge.

During a recent field trip, students sought to determine the presence of the "bitter taster" gene, found in people who find tasting items such as coffee or broccoli extremely bitter.

Novartis is involved in DNA screenings for later hospital clinical trials of specific pills and medical inhalers that can treat patients with the "bitter taster" gene who suffer from lung diseases such as severe asthma and COPD.

Woodland walk

Start 2017 with a woodland walk through the beautiful woods of Holly Hill Farm. The event is on Jan. 1, 2017 (yup!) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Bring family and friends and make new friends as we ring in the New Year! Don't miss a cup of Cindy's Incredible Hot Cocoa! Meet at Main Barn at 12:45 p.m., rain or shine. No need to pre-register. This is a free event with donations accepted to support their educational programs. Call Holly Hill Farm at 781-383-6565 with any questions.

Author Talk

Author Amy Hassinger will give a talk about her new book *After the Dam* at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Sun., Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. This event is free with limited seating. The Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits. For more information call the library at 781-383-1348.

Documentary

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library will also show a documentary film "Beyond Recognition" on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. The film depicts the struggle of a Native American tribe near San Francisco to protect their ancestors' burial places from urban sprawl. This timely documentary from 2014 is in English and Chochenyo and runs for 25 minutes. This also has free admission and refreshments will be available.

—That's the news Cohasset for the week. Send in next week's news by Tuesday at 5 pm. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

LIFE AT CHS

College letters, music, sports, and toy drive

Welcome back to another depiction of everyday life within the halls of Cohasset High School. As the Christmas break draws ever closer, classes are ramping up the workload, squeezing in extra assessments before the students lose the culminating knowledge over the course of one week of sitting on the couch and enjoying newly received gifts. Much is occurring at CHS so let's delve into it.

As letters roll into senior homes this past week, many of the elder CHS students are figuring out where they plan to spend their college careers. With various locations throughout the nation where our own Skippers plan to attend, the Class of 2017 is surely one to remember. Guidance counselors are more than welcome to answer any questions seniors have about college admissions and encourage those of you who are still in the throes of such a process to visit their office any time throughout the day. Guidance also would like to make a point that underclassmen are always welcome to visit the office to speak about standardized testing and PSAT results. Again, good luck to everyone!

Winter sports are now underway with many competing on a regular basis. Boys Hockey played Old Colony in Weymouth this past weekend and although a tough loss for the season opener, a lot of promise is showing in



CONNOR CURRAN

In the winter setting, the Winter Concert was an enormous success this week occurring on Thursday. Many in the audience thoroughly enjoyed the pieces performed and thought that the students in the chorus were exceptionally talented.

the team. Ethan "Stone-wall Jackson" Bartucca was in net for the first time in his high school career and made a great first impression. Super fans had a decent showing at the hockey game especially for being in Weymouth, yet more are always needed to cheer on our student athletes. Hopefully the team can feed off this early showing to have another great run over the next few months. Boys Basketball also had their season opener on Tuesday with obvious aspirations of making another run to The Garden.

In the winter setting, the Winter Concert was an enormous success this week occurring on Thursday. Many in the audience thoroughly enjoyed the pieces performed and thought that the students in the chorus were exceptionally talented. The array of songs performed kept the audience enthralled the entire time and speaks to the work ethic of the chorus members and facilitating music teachers.

Finally, there is a Toy Drive going on at CHS run by the Student Council where donations for those in need are being collected during the Christmas season. The Student Council has made it

clear that if you have no toys to donate they will happily take money contributions and personally use the funds to buy toys for the cause. Please help out the community by making a deposit by December 21st in any of the boxes located throughout CHS.

Another week has passed and CHS remains busy with events. Not only are the students feeling the pressing allure of winter break, but also I assume that the administration is not opposed to some personal time either. So chop some extra wood this weekend and put some gas in the snow blower because winter is here.

—Connor Curran is a senior at Cohasset High School and is a regular Mariner columnist.

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Jeffrey Popadic plans a concert of family friendly music, including seasonal music, as well as selections from the brass quintet repertoire. COURTESY PHOTO

SUNDAY

Gala Holiday Concert at St. Stephen's

A Gala Holiday Concert featuring the Brass Artisan Quartet will be held at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature seasonal brass music presented by a world class ensemble.

"We are excited about this concert," says John Whiteside, Music Director

at St. Stephen's Church. "The St. Stephen's Concert Series has been presenting excellent concerts for over twenty years to the member of the greater Cohasset Community, and this one promises to rank right up there with the best."

Holiday music is always fun, and it will be a treat to have a good group playing

holiday music to help us get into the spirit of the season. "We hear lots of holiday music everywhere we turn in these few weeks before Christmas, and now we have a chance to hear some live music. This is a concert that will be fun for the whole family, and especially for those who have never heard a brass quintet. It's

really fun!"

The Brass Artisan Quartet, directed by Jeffrey Popadic, plans a concert of family friendly music, including seasonal music, as well as selections from the brass quintet repertoire. "Brass music is always exciting, so we think this concert will really be something special," says

Whiteside. "We hope to see fans of music of all ages at this concert."

Concert admission is free, and there is plenty of parking either on street or in the Town Hall parking lot. St. Stephen's Church is located at 16 Highland Avenue, just off the Town Common in Cohasset, and is Handicap Accessible.

143TV

Local TV show launched

"An Insight with Claudia" with Claudia Russell is new show to 143TV that will focus on learning more about diverse groups of Cohasset residents. Claudia's first show provides an insight into Gerd Ordelheide, the owner of the Red Lion and the new owner of Atlantica and the Cohasset Harbor Inn. The show airs on Comcast Channel 9 and Verizon Channel 37 and features Gerd's future plans in town. Check www.143tv.org schedule for run times.

Claudia Russell's background includes public speaking, teaching, theater, and is a financial executive with broad experience in financial, operational, and compliance functions.

Although she has given numerous speeches in public as the previous MBTA Chief Procurement Officer and in her various financial and operational roles, this is her first time doing a local television show.

Her current role is Vice President of Internal Audit at Citizens Bank, and has held roles such Director of the Financial and Operational audit function at Brown University. Previously, she has traveled the globe in financial roles for Cabot Corporation and Osram Sylvania, and a variety of other positions in industry, government and public accounting. She is also a Six-Sigma Green Belt and CPA.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



Hingham poet Elizabeth Torrey invites the entire community to the annual Winter Solstice Evening of Poetry and Song. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/CAROL BRITTON MEYER

so please call (781) 740-1175 to make your reservation.

3 COFFEEHOUSE: On Sunday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m., Hingham's Coffeehouse off the Square presents Aine Minogue, the well known traditional Irish harpist and singer, in the Old Ship Church Sanctuary. Admission is \$15 at the door (sorry no reservations) and desserts and beverages are \$1. Proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers (free admission) are always welcome. For information call 781-749-1767 or go to oldshipchurch.org

4 CHRISTMAS PARTY: Alma Nove Christmas Party between 12 and 4 p.m., Sat. Dec. 17, where guests are invited to mingle with chef Paul Wahlberg while enjoying music by The Jones and complimentary cookies and hot chocolate. Those who don a festive ugly sweater will be entered into a raffle. Alma Nove at the Hingham Shipyard will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gently used coats for children in need. Gifts for children 11 years and older are most in demand. Those who make a donation will receive a complimentary appetizer. Reservations are suggested for those looking to dine in for a holiday lunch, call: 781.749.3353.

5 HOMELESS PETS: Scituate Animal Shelter is selling commemorative holiday ornaments that the public is invited to purchase in honor of their pets, their family, or their animal-loving friends. Some of the ornaments can be personalized with a photo, and all will decorate the charity's tree, which will be lit at a special celebration on Dec. 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. at 780 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Scituate. Ornaments, including the \$5 personalized ornaments and the \$10 photo ornaments, can be purchased during open hours at the Shelter or online at: ScituateAnimalShelter.org. All proceeds benefit the animals and community programs of the Scituate Animal Shelter. For information: 781-544-4533.

1 SOLSTICE CELEBRATION: The 20th annual Winter Solstice Celebration will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Old Ship Meetinghouse, 90 Main St., Hingham. Participants can bring a poem to share or listen in the candle-lit space in the Meetinghouse. The Crossroads Singers, a local group, will perform poems set to music. For information, contact Elizabeth Torrey: 781-749-0543.

2 COLLEGE WORKSHOP: New England Advisors Group is holding workshops at 175 Derby Street, Suite 12, Hingham, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 20 and Dec. 27 on how to pay for college without going broke. Space is limited

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OUR VIEW

Protecting packages

Thieves don't always wear hoodies and look suspicious.

In St. Louis, for example, police recently arrested at 65-year-old woman dubbed "the Granny that Stole Christmas" – who was caught on a home's surveillance camera making off with a just-delivered package. Turns out, authorities say, the suspect who "looks like someone's grandma," just bends down, takes the package and casually walks away.

Closer to home, a Hingham family reported to police their recent delivery had gone missing. The shipping company said the package had been delivered. Inside were an Apple watch valued at \$300 and a game for Xbox valued at about \$27.

Tracking packages is great but if you are not going to be home at the delivery time, there could be an opportunity for a thief to grab the box. A back-door delivery might be good alternative or asking for a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out or accept delivery for you.

It is not hard to see how home delivery has become a treasure trove for thieves. The United States Postal Service is going to deliver upwards of 700 million packages this season – and that does not include the millions of deliveries by other shipping companies.

Homes also become more vulnerable during the holiday season as people are away visiting and traveling, shopping or attending holiday events. Also, consider that during this time many people are bringing high value gifts into their homes to give as gifts.

Police say the most common items stolen in housebreaks include laptops, small electronics devices (such as iPads

and smart phones), flat screen TV's, medication, change, cash, and jewelry.

They warn never post on social media that you will be away on vacation. Wait until you have returned home to announce your trip on social networks. Also put your interior lights on timers and stop your mail delivery so no signals are broadcast that the house is empty.

A few years back, a Hingham family left on Christmas Eve for an evening church service and returned home less than 3 hours later to find their rear slider smashed and numerous items stolen.

Regarding your car, never leave valuables in sight; always lock your doors no matter how short of time you plan to be away from your vehicle.

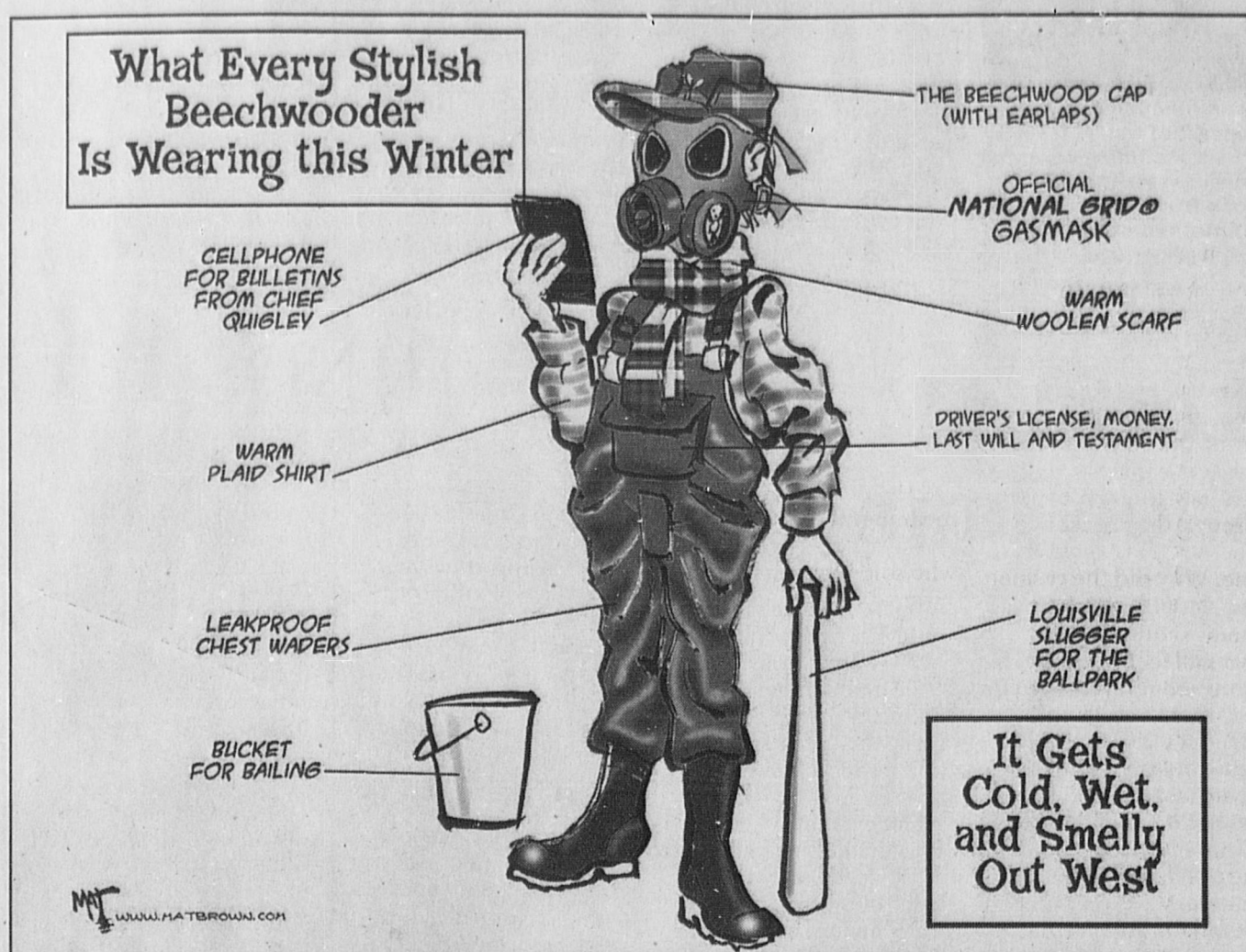
After making purchases, put them in the trunk out of sight. Nothing is more obvious to a thief than bags of new gifts with receipts making them easy to return for quick money.

Common places where cars are broken into are places where thieves know you will be gone for an extended period of time such as the movie theater, fitness center, commuter boat and train parking areas, restaurants, parks, sporting games, and shopping centers.

Phone scammers are also hard at work this season. In a recent scam, the caller tells the resident he or she has won a sweepstakes but needs to wire some money in order to collect the prize. Let police know if you get a scam call so they can keep track of how prevalent these scams have become. Remember the scammer only has to be successful once in a while to make it worth their while.

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Letters must be original and signed. Include the writer's address and phone number for verification. Letters may be edited. Send letters to Mary Ford, 73 South St., Hingham, MA 02043, cohasset@wickedlocal.com, or fax to 781-741-2931.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brewed awakening for Cohasset youth

One of Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition's guiding missions is to provide safe and attractive alternative activities for the youth of Cohasset. On Saturday, Dec. 12th, the Ground Level Coffeehouse debuted at the In-town Recreation Center. Over 80 teens (8-12th graders) enjoyed the bohemian ambiance, music, art, games and lively conversation.

They warmed their hearts with cocoa and lattes while enjoying pizza (Donated by Peel) and sweets. Nine young people regaled the room with their talented musical performances, many receiving standing ovations! The enthusiasm and energy level was contagious. More than 40 adults came over to check out the newest hotspot for teens in town. Several stayed to enjoy the scene.

Teens only from now on!

We do need parent and student volunteers to make this truly sustainable. We could certainly use your help for set-up, chaperoning and breakdown. If you can lend a hand, please send a note to Safeharbor-cohasset@gmail.com. At this point, the coffeehouse is slated for once a month with expansion to twice a month as a short-term goal.

Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition was originally conceived as an organization to disseminate prevention education for both parents and students but it has become so much more! Our goal is to make the Ground Level the destination for our teens. Everyone gave it two thumbs up.

Our next Ground Level Coffeehouse will be on Friday, Jan. 20th from 7 to 10 p.m. Spread the word!

Christine Murphy
Chair Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition

Firefighters association appreciates support

The Cohasset Professional Fire Fighters IAFF L-2804 would like to extend a sincere thank you to the citizens and businesses of Cohasset for your generosity and continued support of our organization.

Also, thank you to all of you who purchased our breast cancer awareness t-shirts during the month of October. Because of you, we will be making a generous donation to the South Shore Hospital Cancer Center Transition Fund which helps support women and their families affected by breast cancer in the South Shore area. We would also like to thank Goodwin Graphics, Atlantic Bagel, 5 South Main, Ava Cucina, South Shore Athletic Club and Janet Protulis in helping us to achieve that goal.

To show our appreciation, we are offering free 2017 Fire Safety Poster Contest Calendars sponsored by the Arson Watch Reward Program featuring artwork from our own Assistant Chief John Dockray's son Drew Dockray and Cohasset Middle High School student Cecelia Tarpey. Congratulations to these young artists!

The calendars can be picked up at Atlantic Bagel, the Senior Center at Willcutt Commons and the front lobby at Town Hall. Once again, thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Holiday hours at Paul Pratt library

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Library Book Group: Join us for coffee and discussion of Kent Haruf's book "Our Souls at Night" on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

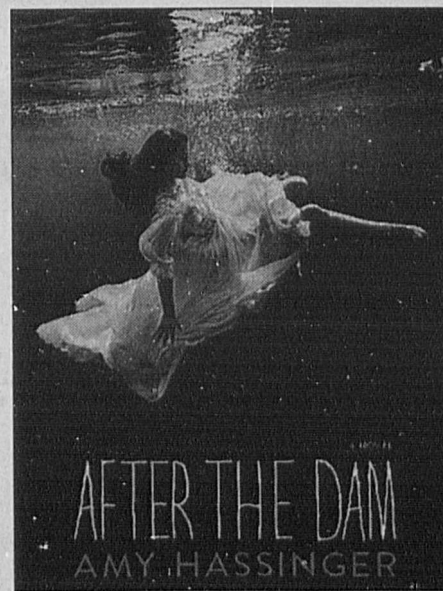
Holiday Hours: The library will close early on Saturday, Dec. 24th at 1 p.m. and remain closed for the Christmas holiday through Monday, Dec. 26th. The library will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27th at 10 a.m. Please use our book drop to return library materials.

Movie Matinee at the Library:
Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the

library on Friday, Jan. 6th at 11 a.m. We will show the film Florence Foster Jenkins. Free admission. Sandwiches provided by Shaw's of Cohasset. Refreshments are courtesy of the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Sunday Author Talk: Author Amy Hassinger will give a talk about her new book "After the Dam" on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 4 p.m. Free admission. Seating is limited. Sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits.

Amy Hassinger will give a talk about her new book "After the Dam" on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 4 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO



BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Thompson, 7 Ledge Way, 37 square feet asphalt roofing, \$16,329; Toll Brothers, 45 Walnut Hill Lane, two complete HVAC systems, \$9,750; Nichols, 107 Atlantic Ave., 21 square feet asphalt and rubber roofing, \$14,000; Girardi, 189 Hull St., 14-by-16 shed on blocks, \$799; TOC, 339 King St., 20 square feet EPDM membrane roof, \$47,820; Blanchard, 8 Kendall Village, Kitchen remodel/replacement window, \$30,000;

Evans, 25 Old Pasture Road, Garage addition, \$50,000; Pennington, 47

Highland Ave., Kitchen renovation/reconfigure rooms/add master suite, \$150,000; Rudikoff, 579 Jerusalem Road, Gut and renovate second floor/ Add one bath and greenhouse, \$225,000; Murley, 401 Jerusalem Road, Flag pole, \$800; Seaborn, 600 Jerusalem Road, Replace and expand existing deck, \$70,000; McDonald, 42-44 Summer St., 1 square foot asphalt, \$600; Sullivan, 36 Norfolk Road, Addition/bath remodel/roofing and siding, \$95,000; Kelly, 65 Brewster Road, Kitchen cabinets and counters, \$15,000; Henderson, 24 Locust Road, Attic insulation/air seal, \$3,237; Devine, 140 Lamberts

Lane, Chimney repairs, \$8,630; Soules, 123 Atlantic Ave., Adding onto and repairing back deck, \$164,000; Mobil/Global, 190 King St., Replace existing sign, \$3,000; Hentz, 84 Elm St., remodel master bedroom, carriage house (interior) and outbuilding, \$450,000;

Hutton, 70 Black Rock Road, HVAC, duct work, air handler, condenser, \$10,700; Nicholls, 33 Tower Lane, in-ground pool, \$50,000; Schultz, 72 Nichols Road, guest quarters addition, \$130,000; McGowan, 154 N. Main St., 9 square feet roofing tiles, \$4,000; Dedes, 207 S. Main St., 9 square feet roofing tiles, \$25,000;

Figueiredo, 173 Pond St., 25 square feet asphalt roofing, \$8,800; Ford, 53 Windy Hill Road, renovate second floor bath into master bath and closet, \$15,000;

Henry, 94 N. Main St., 10 square feet wood roofing, \$19,490; Shanley, 9 Manor Way, Foundation only, \$25,000; Tarpey, 18 Bancroft Way, One-bedroom addition, \$250,000; Allen, 21 Pleasant St., two-story addition and front dormer, \$340,000; Belknap, 130 N. Main St., 13 square feet cedar shingles, \$16,000; Hauser, 166 Linden Drive, Remodel common bath, \$15,000; Carroll, 32 Heather Drive, Basement renovation, \$15,000.

DRY DOCK

Getting used to Cohasset courtesy

When I first starting doing the normal things you do in American daily life in Cohasset—checking out at the grocery store, getting a prescription refilled, buying bottles of wine or bags of ice—I admit it: I was irritated. Everyone was so chatty. So unnecessarily nice! An excess cheeriness at the drycleaner!

It took forever to move through the checkout line even the express lane. Why did the cashier have to ask the man ahead of me what he planned to do with the pork shoulder? Couldn't they just clam up, get the job done, the transaction concluded, without having a mini-conversation with each customer?

In the city, I'd mutter to myself, in the city I'd be here and gone before the lady in front of me figured out how to punch her security code into the card reader. I even had a random super nice encounter with Steve Carrell whom I didn't recognize even as he helped me wrestle my bicycle into my station wagon. Bother all this courtesy!

By nature, I'm quite sociable, embarrassingly extroverted according to my family and friends. But somehow I couldn't quite adapt to the steady flow of gratuitous niceness. People were cordial, asking me questions, pausing long enough that it was clear that a reply was expected.

But then, my heartbeat slowed. I started to become less transactional, more conversational, salting in a little Mayberry R.F.D. with my natural city-bred impatience. It happened organically, interaction by interaction, starting with the nice ladies at the Town Hall who helped



LOUISA KASDON

thread me through the ins-and-outs of dump stickers and Sandy Beach permits.

As the weeks went by I noticed I was having meaningful conversations with the girl-child who sold me tickets for Frankie Valli concert at the Music Circus, and gossiping about food with Gerard at the fish market and bonded with the owner of the jewelry store who noticed that my engagement ring needed some love and attention. I talked post-election politics with the fixit guy in the parking lot. (We were in complete agreement.) By Christmastime, when I went back to jeweler to see if he had some wisdom about repairs to my favorite gold bracelet, he hugged me when we parted.

Truthfully, some of my earlier encounters with Cohasset courtesy over the years had been less promising. One summer when I tried to heave my kayak onto Sandy Beach we were chased back into the surf by an angry beach monitor. "No watercraft on the beach!" she bellowed into her megaphone. We were shamed, unable to figure out what to do since the tide was against us for a return trip home to Little Harbor. How was I to know?

And then there was the lady who noticed that I was having a lengthy cell phone conversation in my car while parked in the Town Hall lot. She rapped on my window wanting to know if my

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phone call could be considered "town business." If not, she informed me, I'd better push off. But that was then.

By year's end, I have learned something basic about life in a small New England village. Anyone you meet once; you will meet again. Multiple times. And they will wave. Even in the most mundane moments of human contact, people want to be known. Recognized. Greeted. It isn't a matter of simple courtesy and patience.

Whether at the checkout line at the Stop & Shop, or settling up with the server after a meal at the Blue Mussel, in a small town, each interaction isn't a "transaction." It is a moment, full of opportunity to make the world a warmer, less anonymous, less lonely place. Cheers Cohasset!

—Louisa Kasdon divides her life between Cambridge and Cohasset, and wakes up every morning seeking to find the perfect balance between the two. Louisa is the author of over 500 published articles and columns on food, health, and business, and is the CEO and founder of Let's Talk About Food, an organization dedicated to public education and dialogue about our food system. Please write to her at Louisa.Kasdon@gmail.com

GROWING ON THE FARM

Still time to work on shortest day

Come December, the chance for the farmers to work outside becomes more and more difficult. The Winter Solstice falls on the 21st of December, the shortest day of the year. It was also my grandmother's birthday and I think back on trying to visit her on Foxhall Road before the sun set.

In fact, each year, not only do I recall her, but also I try to make the most of the short day. The day though is still 24 hours in length and even if the sun sets around 4 p.m., there is plenty of opportunity to do the things you need to do. And with a sunrise set for about 6:30, one might feel the urge to get up and at 'em to complete chores.

For the farmers at Holly Hill, rising early with the sun, it may be difficult to wrestle any root crops from the ground or clip any chard stems and leaves from the field due to the frost and chill that greet those at first dawn. But as the sun rises and the temperatures creep above freezing, then it is delightful to pull and taste from the soil an extra sweet carrot. The ice falls off the leaves of kale and lettuce, so that one can enjoy those late season greens before the chill of winter settles in.

The farmers also received the large soil order from Vermont, so we can hit the ground



JON BELBER

running in late February when it is time to begin to sow the seeds for next year. Until then in the dying light, we move briskly to tuck away any loose materials, muck the stalls each day so the horses can live in comfort and take a walk in the woods, with the opportunity to see more since the deciduous trees have lost their leaves to the ground for compost on the forest floor. The short days of sunlight allow us to see more. What do we see when the sun sets: An orange sky and a rising, full moon.

As darkness arrives, and we are drawn inside, many folks flip on a light at their desk or beside a chair. And even more people do not have to switch on a light to see the world. The light has been on most of the day for those with a phone in their lap or in their hand. The phone, and its addictive tendencies, is hard to let go. When the glare of the phone is bright, one can text and message a friend, find out local and world information, watch a video gone viral and even send a message that birds would find annoying.

The sound of a

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tweeting bird is overwhelmed by those elected with a phone, an ego and a self-imposed idea and opinion. Even the light of a computer shines during the daylight and darkness. The homes and yards in these towns are also lit with lights on bushes, in windows and on stacked lobster traps: so much electrical light amidst so much darkness.

And so I must keep looking for balance and remember to seek the sun. I might even hear the real tweeters, when out walking the trails. Let the birds tweet and twitter on account of their nature. I know my grandmother, at her desk with the light on, writing notes, though struck with poor eyesight, would appreciate the daylight so as to better see items and a grandson or two racing to see her when the sun is about to set on the shortest day of the year.

—Jon Belber is education director at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset. He can be reached at: jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com

VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

When ornaments share a story



JOHN MCSHEFFREY

I remember the moment vividly. It was almost a full year ago, January 2nd to be exact; it was the moment that inspired this column. We were taking down the Christmas tree when I heard the sound of glass breaking, quickly followed by a series of "I'm sorry, I'm so sorry". On the floor, shattered, lay a treasured ornament. Lost with it were the memories that visited every Christmas.

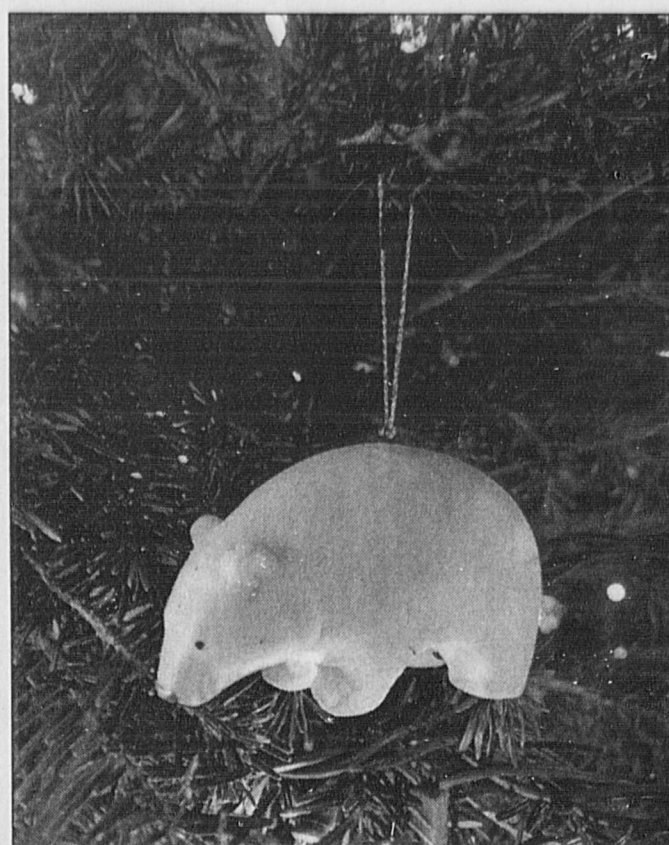
August 1996 in New London New Hampshire, the wait for a table at Peter Christian's Tavern was close to an hour, but my friends and I didn't care; we were having one of those perfect summer days. To pass time, we browsed around a fantastic little handcraft gift store called Artisan's located at the front of the tavern. Towards the back of the store, there were these wonderful porcelain polar bear ornaments. I immediately took a liking to them and purchased six, although I wish I had bought five times that many.

Over the past 20 years when putting up the tree, I would group the polar bear ornaments in the same vicinity, displayed as if they were a sloth of bears, meant to be together (for the record, I looked that one up). Aside from being extremely cool decorations, those small white rounded ornaments reminded me of that wonderful weekend and many other wonderful times I had growing up in New Hampshire.

Nobody fully knows the reason why people began cutting down beautiful fir trees and bring them in their homes to decorate, but I for one love the tradition. There are so many facets of the Christmas tree to embrace. I love the smells, the calmness and the beauty a Christmas tree brings, but most of all I love the memories that are relived each year as treasured ornaments are unpacked and hung on the tree.

Christmas is the time of year for remembering and appreciating. Vast in traditions, the holiday brings many of us back to exiting times of youth and innocence and joyous times with family and friends. Much of Dicken's classic, "A Christmas Carol" focuses on Ebenezer Scrooge's visit with the Ghost of Christmas Past, because it's the past helps define Christmas. Very few things are able to bridge the relationship between the past and the present as smoothly as the Christmas ornament.

Each Christmas tree is unique. Like snowflakes, no two trees especially decorated trees are alike. Whether a tree is real or artificial, formally fashioned with white lights and



One of the original polar bear ornaments that have adorned the McSheffrey tree for years. COURTESY PHOTO

...each and every year, Christmas ornaments are unpacked, memories are reintroduced and then placed carefully on an awaiting branch.

bows or decked out in colored lights with a myriad of ornaments; each tree has its own personality.

In many cases, a Christmas tree takes on the personality of the family; with the ornaments and decorations sharing a story. Perhaps an ornament represents a baby's first Christmas, that trip to Disney or countless school art projects. Maybe an ornament has been carefully handed down from generations or has been collected each year (recently, we've been collecting a series of owl ornaments we've been getting at Kennedy Country Gardens). Perhaps an ornament was once given as a gift. Look closely and there's a good chance you'll be able to see a journal of a family's life hanging from the branches.

Photo albums, yearbooks, scrapbooks full of letters and life's mementos sit stored away; often not seen in years. However, each and every year, Christmas ornaments are unpacked, memories are reintroduced and then placed carefully on an awaiting branch. Opening the box of ornaments is like opening a trove of love and adventure. One can almost hear the stories and tales as the ornaments are being placed on and around the tree. For a few weeks each year, we are reminded of the moments of love and happiness from our past as they dangle quietly on hooks. That is, as long as we have them.

Like the precious memories they hold, ornaments are fragile. If broken or lost, we also lose the memories they represent. With each lost ornament, gone is the opportunity to remember, embrace and smile. With each lost ornament, the Ghost of Christmas Past slips further and further away.

So there I stood last January 2nd, looking down at the shattered polar bear and then at my upset child. My

once mighty group of bears was now but a pair, but that was better than none. As I swept up the broken pieces, it dawned on me that with the loss of one memory, we were presented the opportunity for another.

This past month, on a family trip to Manhattan for a bit of Christmas in the big city, we were browsing through a small neighborhood shop on the Upper East Side. There we found an ornament that we agreed would make a nice addition to the tree. A new polar bear, this one holding a Christmas tree, will add a new tale; each year we'll be reminded about being a family and walking through Central Park, hearing a saxophonist play Christmas tunes and shopping in a small store. The perfect addition if you ask me.

One of my favorite nights of the year is the first night the Christmas tree is up. I relish sitting there, in the room only lit by the lights of the tree and remembering the past while looking at the ornaments. It's a truly special moment.

I hope that each and every one of you who have a tree up this season, have at least a few ornaments that bring you back in to a place in time that brings a smile to your face. Treat those ornaments with care, because next year all of those wonderful tales and stories will be waiting for you; ready to be unpacked and told once again.

As always, thanks for reading. Christmas Eve is right around the corner, which means Santa is getting ready. Next week, The Porch will be rerunning last year's column about the big guy; it may not be my best column but it may very well be my favorite.

—John McSheffrey has been part of the Cohasset community since 2007 and can be reached at jmcsc@aol.com

LIBRARY KIDS

Lego Club meets Monday, Dec. 19

Weekly Programs

■ **Mamasteph**, Mondays at 10:30. Generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

■ **LEGO Club**, Monday, Dec. 19, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 from 4 to 5 p.m. Meeting Room. All ages welcome. All materials provided.

■ **Puppet Story Time with Leigh and Friends**, Dec. 20, Jan. 10 and Jan. 24 at 10:30 a.m. Meeting Room. Generously funded by the Friends of the

Cohasset Library.

■ **Storytime with Mrs. Moody**, Tuesday, Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 17 & 30, at 10:30 a.m., Meeting Room.

■ **Drop In Crafts**, Thursdays anytime between 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Story Room.

READING PARTNER WITH SOPHIE EVERY TUESDAY FROM 4 TO 5 P.M.: We will be continuing our Reading Partner program sponsored by the Cohasset Working Dog Foundation throughout the school year. Sophie,

our reading therapy dog, will be here every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. to practice her listening skills. Sign up in the Children's Room upon arrival. For more information go to cohasset-workingdog.org

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Join libraries and families across the nation to complete this challenge. Registration forms and reading logs are located on Mrs. Moody's desk. 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

COMICS

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to leave space for a word bubble are areas where students can grow their craft through the course.

Toyoshima also helps students work on character development and world-building. Beginners often know how to draw their character in one or two poses on a blank sheet of paper.

But the comic becomes more interesting when they can draw the character from multiple angles doing different activities against some kind of backdrop.

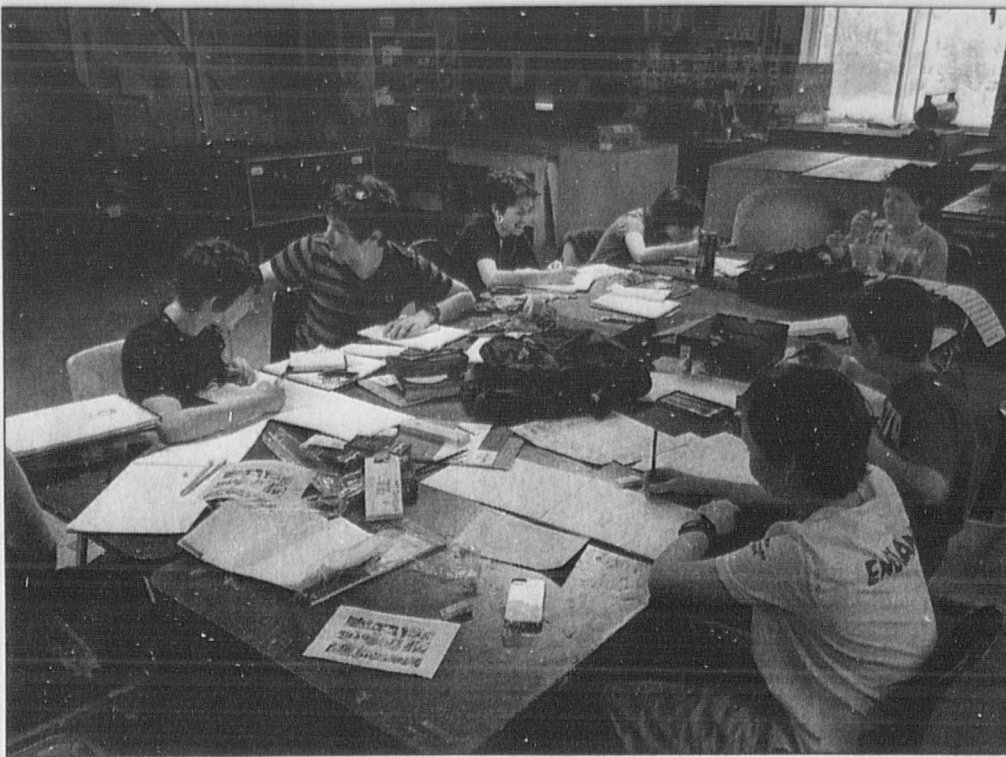
But scale may be the most important lesson of all. Make the story or the world too big, and it's easy for a creator to get lost in there. Over complicate a character, and drawing them for eight more panels is going to be exhausting.

"They realize why cartoons have four fingers," Toyoshima said.

When it comes to comics, he said, simple is often better. One of his favorite student comics to share stars a stick figure who inexplicably walks around with a slice of toast in one hand and a sword in the other.

"He's got personality," said Toyoshima.

Personality was one of the keys to Toyoshima's most popular series, *Secret Asian Man*, whose hero is (surprise) an Asian man characterized by large, iconic black eyebrows. The strip started as a weekly feature in *Boston's Weekly Dig* and later got picked



A comic drawing and sequential storytelling class with Tak Toyoshima at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. COURTESY PHOTO

up as a daily strip by the United Features Syndicate.

Secret Asian Man allowed Toyoshima to introduce an Asian main character to a mainstream audience, to make social commentary on life as an Asian American, and to "sound off" about current events.

"Comics aren't just entertaining," Toyoshima said. "I could subversively get in social justice stuff that's easier to address through comics or humor. Comics are being used in education, too."

Toyoshima was eager to get back into teaching after doing design work at a newspaper for 18 years, which he said was "a different kind of fun." In a past life, he taught high school and college design as well as preschool, but never

middle school, until now. "It's a magic age for a budding skill set," he said, "and they still have so much imagination."

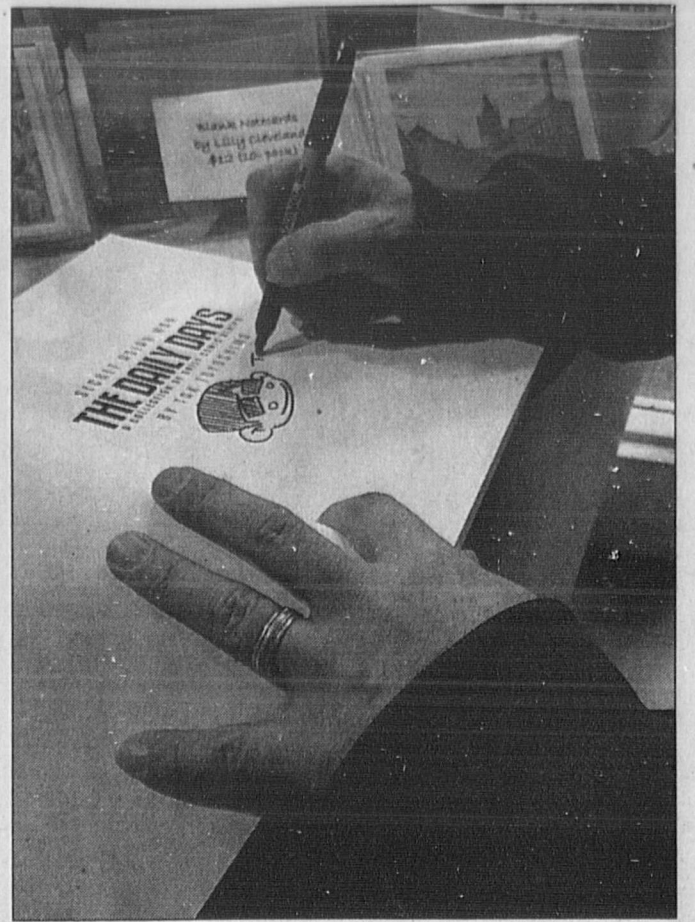
This is his second year at the South Shore Art Center, and for Toyoshima, it's the perfect marriage of his love of comics and his love of teaching.

Toyoshima became the driving force behind the center's first ComiCon, hosted earlier in December. The mini convention brought a wide variety of independent comic artists to Cohasset, giving them a chance to showcase their

work and giving Toyoshima's students a chance to experience something that once inspired him: that face-to-face shopping experience at a comic store or convention.

"The ComiCon was about serving the kids," Toyoshima said. "I found out they just bought things online or in a bookstore. For me, that was a shame. Growing up going to stores and conventions... it was an inspiration."

Toyoshima said he was pleased to see kids walking out of the event with even just a \$3 book and a

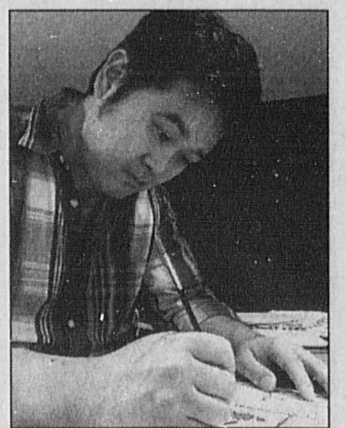


Tak Toyoshima is best known for his "Secret Asian Man" comics, which offer commentary on life as an Asian American, among other social issues. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY AMANDA C. THOMPSON

couple of stickers. Attendees and artists alike said they enjoyed the event, and everyone seems optimistic that the center could host another one next year.

The next session of comic and sequential art classes starts the second week of January. Middle grade artists can register on the Art Center's website, SSAC.org. Check out Toyoshima's comics online at secretasianman.com.

Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT



Tak Toyoshima teaches comic drawing and sequential storytelling at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset. COURTESY PHOTO

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Senator
Patrick O'Connor
(R-Weymouth)
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Representative

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, with the end of the 2016 session only weeks away, Beacon Hill Roll Call, in the second of a series of special reports, looks at some of the bills that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker in the 2016 session.

MODERNIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT (H 4565)

House 158-0, Senate 39-0, approved a new law aimed at modernizing municipal finance and government including updating or outright repealing of several prior archaic laws and creating a new law allowing communities to issue driver citations electronically. Many provisions in the bill are technical and Gov. Baker called the measure "a great example of some true weed whacking of outdated, clunky laws that will empower our municipalities and support good-governance at the local level across the Commonwealth."

Supporters say the new law is designed to eliminate or update obsolete laws, promote local independence, streamline state oversight and generally provide municipalities with greater flexibility. The new law is supported by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, an entity that lobbies for the state's cities and towns.

Upon signing the new law, the governor said, "As two former local officials ourselves, the lieutenant governor and I have a true appreciation for the independence and flexibility created by this commonsense bill, allowing municipal officials to better serve all of our constituents and create stronger communities in all of our 351 cities and towns."

(A "Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Mathew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes
Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Vinny deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Patrick O'Connor	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

\$50 MILLION TO COMMUNITIES FOR SMALL BRIDGE REPAIRS (H 4557)

House 158-0, Senate 38-1, approved a \$750 million package for transportation projects across the state. The package includes \$700 million for highway improvements and \$50 million for a new grant program to fund the repair of cities' and towns' bridges that are 20 or less feet in length.

Supporters of the package say it will fund critical improvements to highways across the state. They note the \$50 million for bridge repairs goes directly to cities and towns in need of funds to repair bridges that are crumbling.

The lone opponent opposed a provision that exempts from the state's debt ceiling large amounts of borrowing authorized in a 2014 transportation bond bill. He said this action is fiscally irresponsible.

Another section of the proposed new law, later vetoed by the governor, would have created a pilot program that would charge drivers a fee based on how many miles they drive. The program would include 500 drivers who volunteered for the program.

Supporters of the pilot program say the current per-gallon gas tax has reached a point of diminishing returns because Bay Staters drive less and there are now many electric and fuel efficient vehicles on the road. They argued that the money is desperately needed to maintain and repair the state's roads and bridges.

Opponents of the pilot program say this is just another unnecessary tax and note that it is unclear whether this tax would replace the state's current 24 cents-per-gallon gas tax or if it would be in addition to it. They argue this program would interfere with privacy rights because some mileage meters can track and record all a vehicle's moves. Some say the tax is unfair and note that under this program, drivers who use the most gas-efficient vehicles could pay just as much as those owning gas-guzzlers.

(A "Yes" vote is for \$700 million for highway improvements and \$50 million the repair of cities' and towns' bridges. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
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Rep. William Straus	Yes
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Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
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Sen. Brian Joyce	No
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Patrick O'Connor	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

\$1 BILLION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE (H 4569)

House 157-0, Senate 38-1, approved a new package allowing the state to borrow money over five years as part of an economic development package aimed at boosting the economy, creating jobs, workforce development and infrastructure investment. The biggest ticket item is \$500 million for the Mass-Works infrastructure grant program which is promoted as one-stop shopping for cities and towns and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation.

Municipalities could use the money for a variety of things including housing construction, city and town center revitalization projects and mill redevelopment opportunities.

The package also gives "angel investors" a state tax credit equal to 20 percent of the amount of the investment they make in a qualifying business. In order to qualify, the business must have its principal place of business in the Bay State, have at least 50 percent of its employees located here, employ 20 or fewer full-time employees and have gross revenues equal to or less than \$500,000. The tax credit rises to 30 percent if the business is in one of the state's struggling cities, known as gateway cities.

Another key provision creates a new tax incentive to encourage families to put away money for higher education costs. Under the program, individual filers would get a \$1,000 tax deduction for contributions to a prepaid tuition or college savings program, also known as a 529 plan. The deduction would increase to \$2,000 for married couples.

Supporters say the package will stimulate the economy, help cities and towns and private companies, strengthen the manufacturing sector, create new housing, make some repairs to the infrastructure and provide the training and equipment for workforce development.

The lone opponent said the package gives autocratic powers to individuals in the Executive branch to unilaterally make large tax expenditures and make decisions to transfer public funds to private businesses unreviewable by any court or administrative agency. They said there is no evidence that making payments to private companies actually brings about real economic growth.

(A "Yes" vote is for the package. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Mathew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes
Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Vinny deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes

Sen. Mark Montigny	No
Sen. Patrick O'Connor	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

CLOSE THE GENDER WAGE GAP (H 4509)

House 154-0, Senate 40-0, approved a new law to strengthen the Bay State's prior pay equity law by closing the wage gap between men and women doing the same job. The new law requires that women be paid equal pay for comparable work unless the variation is based upon mitigating factors including seniority, a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production, sales or revenue and education, training or experience.

The new law establishes pay transparency, prohibits screening of prospective employees based on salary history, requires fairness in hiring practices and increases fines for violations. Other provisions prohibit employers from reducing salaries in order to comply with the new law and from preventing employees from talking about their salaries.

Supporters said it is far past time to approve this historic bill and noted women comprise 50 percent of the workforce yet make only 80 cents for every dollar earned by men.

(A "Yes" vote is for the new law.)

Rep. Bruce Ayers	Yes
Rep. Thomas Calter	Yes
Rep. James Cantwell	Yes
Rep. Mark Cusack	Yes
Rep. Josh Cutler	Yes
Rep. David DeCoste	Yes
Rep. Angelo D'Emilia	Yes
Rep. Geoff Diehl	Yes
Rep. Michelle DuBois	Yes
Rep. William Galvin	Yes
Rep. Susan Gifford	Yes
Rep. Patricia Haddad	Yes
Rep. Randy Hunt	Yes
Rep. Louis Kafka	Yes
Rep. Ronald Mariano	Yes
Rep. Christopher Markey	Yes
Rep. Mathew Muratore	Yes
Rep. James Murphy	Yes
Rep. William Straus	Yes
Rep. Walter Timilty	Yes
Sen. Michael Brady	Yes
Sen. Vinny deMacedo	Yes
Sen. Brian Joyce	Yes
Sen. John Keenan	Yes
Sen. Mark Montigny	Yes
Sen. Patrick O'Connor	Yes
Sen. Marc Pacheco	Yes
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER SLASHES \$98 MILLION IN SPENDING - Gov. Baker last week cut \$98 million from the \$39 billion-plus fiscal 2017 state budget to address what he says is the estimated state shortfall unless revenues dramatically increase.

Cuts include \$7.6 million for the Office of Travel and Tourism; \$6.4 million for the State Police; \$1.9 million for the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services; \$665,000 for the Emergency Food Assistance Program; \$630,000 for the Stop Stroke Program; \$300,000 for Prostate Cancer Research; \$250,000 for the School Breakfast Program; and \$185,000 for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and survivor services.

"It's pretty clear that with the deficiencies we need to fund - court-ordered attorneys, snow and ice, emergency assistance, stuff that I think there's general agreement that we're going to need to pay for - and the downturn that we've all seen in revenue despite the success of our economy that we needed to take action at this time," Baker told the State House News Service.

"The governor's really trying to achieve only one policy objective and that's a constitutionally required balanced budget," said House GOP Leader Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading).

The response from the Legislature's Democratic leadership was swift. House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop), calling the cuts premature, said, "Recent revenue numbers indicate a need to be vigilant. They do not, however, necessitate cuts at this time."

DeLeo and Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) said they will focus on restoring programs that help the neediest and may file a supplemental budget to restore the funds.

"The governor is shifting important funding away from the priorities of the Legislature in favor of his own," added Senate Ways and Means chair Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "These cuts will have real consequences on all the communities of the Commonwealth struggling with opioid addiction and housing and should not be made at this time."

Baker vetoed \$265 million from the fiscal 2017 budget in July but the Legislature overrode most of his vetoes and restored \$231 million.

During the week of December 5-9, the House met for a total of 23 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 24 minutes.

JAMES LANE TOWNHOMES

Clearing cobwebs from attic controversy

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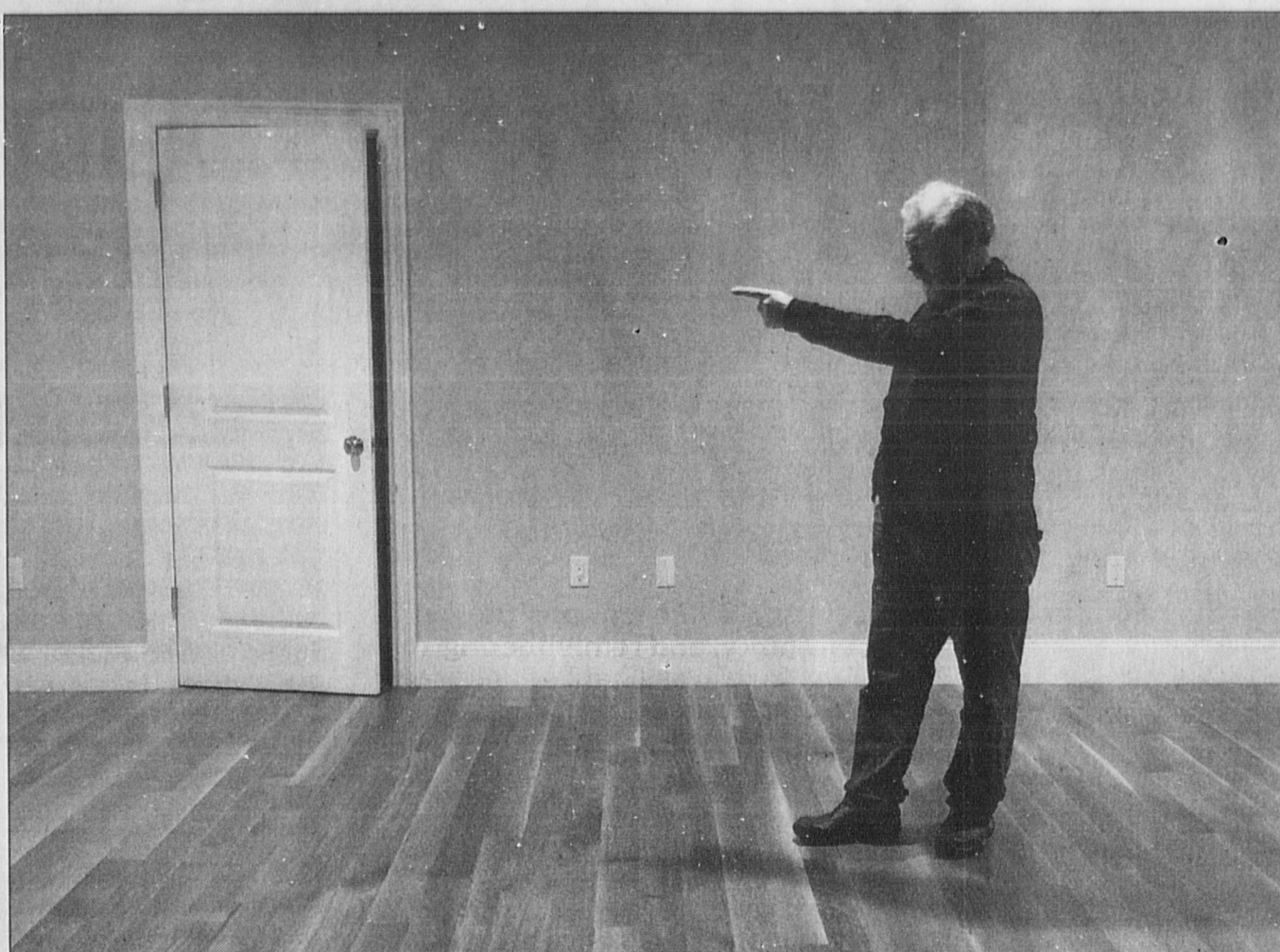
How big of a deal is 140 square feet?

Big enough to hold up construction at the James Lane townhomes while officials determine if, and how, the developer is allowed to build on the third floor. Not, however, big enough to constitute a "major modification," which would require the Planning Board to re-open the public hearing for the project.

The board voted 3-1 on Dec. 14 to count the addition of living space on the third floor as a minor modification. Chairman Clark Brewer was the only member present who felt the modification would be major, but the motion passed with a majority vote.

That, unfortunately, was the easy question. The board still has yet to decide what, exactly, can be done on the third floor. The special permit issued to the developer allowed up to 1,600 square feet of living space to be developed and did not have provisions for any living space in the basement or attic.

The first and second floors are each 730 square feet, which leaves the developer 140 square feet to play with. He'd hoped to use that square footage to add a guest room or office



Developer Mike Roberts points out where a wall could have to move in order to satisfy the requirements of the special permit for the townhomes at 8 James Lane. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO

space on the third floor.

The board doesn't want to set a precedent for ongoing and future projects that special permits can easily be exceeded or modified to suit developers' whims. This, however, was not just a whim — it was, according

to the developer, a good-faith interpretation of what was in the permit. It just wasn't the same interpretation that officials made.

Building Inspector Bob Egan told the board he didn't think it would set a bad precedent to allow

up to 140 square feet of heated, livable space on the third floor, since it doesn't exceed the special permit. Egan pointed out that other ongoing developments have third-floor living space.

Board members shared

the sentiment.

"I don't care where the 1,600 square feet goes," said member Erik Potter. "The intent is not to have 2,300 square-foot units in the village business district."

The board did, however,

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want to see specific architectural plans for how the 140 square feet would be laid out before lifting the cease and desist order that has been placed on basement and attic construction at 8 James Lane.

Everyone agreed that it would be ideal to see a few options utilizing 140 square feet or less of attic space at the next Planning Board meeting on Jan. 4.

Hopefully, the board will be able to give its blessing to one or more of those plans, and those options will then be available to buyers without having to return to the Planning Board for a building permit. Future residents could also opt to leave the third floor unfinished.

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CULVERT

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Town officials met with the contractor and the project engineer on Monday, Dec. 12.

"It's been made crystal clear that this is not acceptable," Town Manager Chris Senior told selectmen. "The contractor and project engineer have been put on notice that the only acceptable outcome for the remainder of the project is an on-time, on-budget, and safe work schedule."

"They know there's zero tolerance for anything else to occur," added DPW Director Brian Joyce. If there are any more issues, said Joyce, the Town could bring in a different contractor.

Hopefully that won't be the case. Going forward, the contractor will be creating a daily work plan, highlighting any work in proximity to any utility, and will present the plan during a site meeting each morning so that everyone on the job understands the potential impacts of the day's work.

Senior and Joyce said the project is still on schedule to be completed on time. The coffer dams and bypass pipes have been installed, and the culverts have been almost fully demolished on the side of the road that is currently closed.

Construction is due to continue through the end of February, with lane closures first on one side and then on the other side of the bridge. For Beechwooders, March can't come soon enough.

"Murphy's Law is in full effect on this project," wrote one resident on the community Facebook page, Cohasset143, after learning of the gas main break. "What's left? Locusts? Water Main, Gas Main, sewer... oh right, no sewer main! Thank goodness, or they might have hit that next."

"Did the town hire Moe, Larry & Curly to run this project?" wrote another, while a third suggested that perhaps the "three blind mice" had been on the job. At least one person planned to call the governor's office. One mom was worried about her child's pet gecko surviving the cold.

Officials were quick to respond to the incident, and police kept the neighborhood apprised of the situation throughout Saturday via Code Red (reverse 9-1-1) calls. Police Chief Bill Quigley was actively



The contractor at Bound Brook Dam struck a gas main with an excavator last weekend, leaving the Beechwood neighborhood without heat on the coldest day of the year so far. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO

responding to individual concerns on social media and relaying information between residents and the National Grid repair crew.

"Sorry," Quigley wrote in response to the many queries and concerns on Cohasset143. "I can tell you the Town Manager, Fire Chief, and I, are not happy with all this."

Residents responded that they did not blame the police and were grateful for the communication.

"Our crankiness is by no means directed to you or the police department, but to whoever was in charge of this bid," said one Beechwooder. "It's been nothing but a headache for us West Enders that feel like we live on an island — not a tropical one, because it's freezing in our houses right now..."

Notice went out from the Police Department at 9 a.m. stating that the break had occurred. Soon after, the department followed up with a Code Red call notifying abutters that gas service would be shut off individually to each of the 100-plus homes in the area, then restored once repairs had been made.

The leak was repaired by about 2 p.m., at which time police said that restoration of service would require bleeding the lines and re-lighting pilot lights in individual homes. The process was likely to take several hours.

Residents then worked together with law enforcement and Town officials to stay abreast of the situation, sharing updates in a streamlined discussion chain. Those closest to the bridge

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Town Manager Chris Senior

had service restored first, while residents on Church and Doane Street waited until around 8 p.m.

Both residents and officials said that the National Grid crews had been extremely friendly and were working very hard to resolve the problem. But all would have preferred to avoid the situation altogether.

"Was this the lowest bid?" McCarthy asked during Tuesday night's meeting, echoing the concerns of many on Cohasset143. "Are we sure we have a high-quality contractor? We checked the references?"

"They were the low bidder by only a few thousand," said Joyce. "They've done several multi-million dollar projects. They were the lowest bidder, and their references checked out glowingly."

Senior added that the owner of the company himself had come to the site during the water main break to help mitigate the situation and had offered to attend the selectmen's meeting.

Selectmen wanted to know if there was anything they could do to prevent situations like this from happening again. Could they hire a project manager, for instance, to keep an eye on things day in and day out?

But as a matter of fact, the Town already had a project

manager on site. Additionally, the contractor told officials that the pipeline was improperly marked and work was only occurring in an area marked as "dig safe." If that's the case, then there's little a project manager could have done to avoid the situation.

Going forward, many Beechwooders are trying to look on the bright side. "They haven't knocked down a telephone pole yet," joked one.

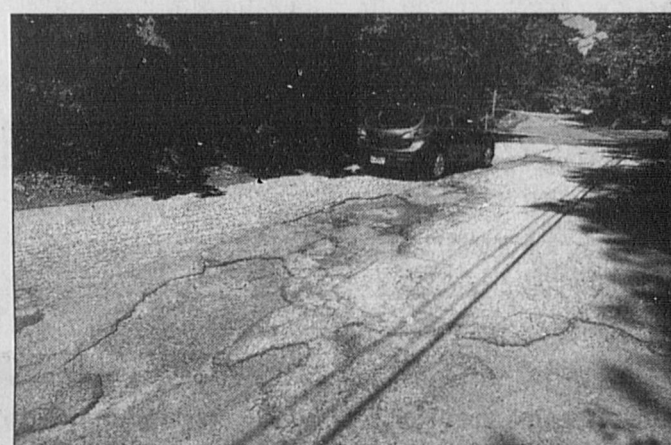
Others are less optimistic. "YET," emphasized another resident.

Even more ominously: "Abutters to Cunningham Bridge — beware, you're next."

That's exactly what Selectman Jack Keniley is worried about. "We have a couple big capital projects coming up," said Keniley. "I just want to demonstrate that we can do it responsibly and on time."

The Town Manager remains optimistic. "The long-awaited repair and replacement of the Bound Brook culvert on Beechwood Street is a critical project for Cohasset," said Senior, "and its safe and successful completion is a top priority."

The culvert has not been replaced for over 100 years. Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT



Residents of Cedar Acres lane (considered by officials to be "the worst road in town") were the impetus for the new private ways policy approved by selectmen this week. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO

RELIEF

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policy could require bylaw changes. She also would have preferred to weigh the budgetary impacts before coming to a decision. But others said that bylaw changes and budget were conversations for further down the line. A policy, they said, is flexible.

"This doesn't guarantee anybody anything," said Town Manager Chris Senior. "Just because a road qualifies... The Town might not have the money right now, or we could say it's not our policy to add more public ways."

"This isn't a giveaway," agreed McCarthy. "The hurdles are very high, but it does give them a way."

One of those hurdles is getting buy-in from neighbors before petitioning the Town for assistance. The policy said 100 percent of abutters must be in favor of the project before the Town would get involved. That's to protect the Town from potential litigation.

However, members of the board and public were worried that 100 percent was too high a bar.

"We all live in a neighborhood," said Kennedy — in other words, there's bound to be that one person who doesn't want to work with everyone else, or who doesn't want to pay for the repairs.

Christine Murphy, a resident of Cedar Acres Lane, which is widely recognized as the worst road in town, raised another concern. There's one lot on the street that is unbuilt and unbuildable and which is not paying taxes; could that one lot prevent the neighborhood from getting the help it needs?

Selectman Jack Keniley said that's where discretion comes into play.

"We're not going to knock them out because they've got a vacant lot," said Keniley. "That's not the spirit of the policy. We can use common sense if somebody comes to us with 18 out of 20 signatures."

Senior said he wouldn't want to drop the threshold lower than 75 percent agreement.

But the exact percentage is once again a matter of details, subject to adjustment further along in the process. The new policy at least lets the town do something. Under the old system, there was nothing officials could do when approached by Cedar Acres residents.

The new policy allows the Town to decide how much to contribute to each proposed project. Residents will not be required to pay the full amount, but the board will have leeway to choose its contribution on a case-by-case basis, whether that's 50 percent or 10 percent.

The board discussed creating a revolving account to handle the costs of helping with private ways.

Education and transparency will also be key principles going forward. While the Town can't force realtors to disclose the public or private status of a road to prospective buyers, it can put that information online where it's easily accessible, and Senior said he intends to do just that.

While all is not carved in stone regarding private ways in Cohasset, officials have made good on their promise to offer some relief to residents and are continuing to work on a solution. The board voted unanimously to adopt the policy (with the exception of Selectman Steve Gaumer, who could not attend Tuesday's meeting).

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BUD REG, LIGHT, SELECT	30 PAK	\$22.99, 18 PAK CANS \$14.99
COORS LIGHT / LITE FROM MILLER	30 PAK CANS	\$21.99
COORS LIGHT & LITE FROM MILLER	12 PAK CANS & BOTTLES	\$9.99
GENESEE BEER	30 PAK CANS	\$13.99
HARPOON LOOSE CS	\$24.99, 12 PAK	\$12.99
HEINEKEN & AMSTEL REG & LT LOOSE BTLS	\$24.99, 12 PAK	\$12.99
LAGUNITAS IPA, PILS	\$12.99, CISCO	12 PAK BOTTLES \$13.99
LEINENKUGEL'S (ALL TYPES)	12 PAK BOTTLES	\$12.99
LITE & COORS REG & LT LOOSE CANS & BTLS	\$17.99, 18 PAK	\$14.99
MICHELLO ULTRA	30 PAK CANS	\$22.99, 18 PAK CANS & BTLS \$15.99
MIKE'S LEMONADE & SMIRNOFF ICE (ALL TYPES)	12 PAK	\$12.99
MILLER HIGH LIFE REG & LT	18 PAK CANS & BOTTLES	\$10.99
OTTER CREEK & LONG TRAIL (ALL TYPES)	12 PAK BOTTLES	\$12.99
PABST BLUE RIBBON	30 PAK CANS	\$15.99, 18 PAK \$10.99
SAM ADAMS	LOOSE CS \$25.99, 12 PAK BOTTLES	\$12.99
SHIPYARD & SEADOG (ALL TYPES)	12 PAK BOTTLES	\$12.99
SIERRA NEVADA & GOOSE ISLAND	12 PAK BOTTLES	\$12.99
STELLA ARTOIS	12 PAK BOTTLES	\$13.99
TWISTED TEA	12 PAK BOTTLES \$13.99, 18 PAK CANS	\$15.99
WACHUSETT (ALL TYPES)	12 PAK BOTTLES	\$12.99

VODKA

ABSOLUT VODKA (ALL FLAVORS)	1.75 LTR	\$26.99
BELVEDERE VODKA (ALL TYPES)	1.75 LTR	\$46.99, 750 ML \$24.99
BORU VODKA	1.75 LTR	\$19.99
CHOPIN VODKA	1.75 LTR	\$39.99, 750 ML \$26.99
CURTIS VODKA	1.75 LTR	\$10.99
GREY GOOSE (ALL FLAVORS)	1.75 LTR	\$49.99, 750 ML \$27.99
KETEL ONE REG, CITROEN, ORANGE	1.75 LTR	\$35.99
NEW AMSTERDAM VODKA	1.75 LTR	\$17.99
PINNACLE VODKA (ALL TYPES)	1.75 LTR	\$17.99
PLATINUM VODKA	1.75 LTR	\$15.99
SKYY VODKA REG & FLAVORS	1.75 LTR	\$19.99
SMIRNOFF RED & FLAVORS	1.75 LTR \$19.99, (LESS \$5 MIR)	\$14.99
SOBIESKI VODKA	1.75 LTR	\$17.99
STOLI REG & FLAVORS	1.75 LTR	\$26.99
SVEDKA VODKA (ALL FLAVORS)	1.75 LTR	\$17.99
TITOS VODKA	1.75 LTR	\$26.99

WHISKEY/CANADIAN/BOURBON

ANGEL'S ENVY BOURBON	750 ML	\$39.99
BASIL HAYDEN BOURBON 8YR	750 ML	\$34.99
BULLEIT BOURBON & RYE	750 ML	\$29.99
CANADIAN CLUB	1.75 LTR	\$18.99
CANADIAN MIST	1.75 LTR	\$15.99
JACK DANIELS	1.75 LTR	\$39.99
JEFFERSON'S BOURBON	750 ML	\$24.99
JIM BEAM	1.75 LTR \$24.99, BLACK LABEL	750 ML \$19.99
KNOB CREEK BOURBON	750 ML	\$27.99
MAKER'S MARK BOURBON	1.75 LTR \$49.99, 750 ML	\$24.99
RUSSELL'S SINGLE RESERVE BOURBON	750 ML	\$49.99
SEAGRAMS 7	1.75 LTR	\$18.99
SEAGRAMS CROWN	1.75 LTR \$40.99, 750 ML \$26.99, FLAVORS	\$19.99
SEAGRAMS VO CANADIAN	1.75 LTR \$20.99, (LESS \$5 MIR)	\$15.99
WILD TURKEY 101 PROOF	1.75 LTR \$39.99, 81 PROOF	\$32.99
WOODFORD RESERVE BOURBON	750 ML	\$29.99

RUM/GIN/TEQUILA

BACARDI RUM (ALL FLAVORS)	1.75 LTR \$19.99, (LESS \$5 MIR)	\$14.99
BEEFEATER GIN	1.75 LTR \$29.99, (LESS \$8 MIR)	\$21.99
BOMBAY GIN	1.75 LTR \$26.99, SAPPHIRE	\$34.99
CAPTAIN MORGAN SPICED RUM	1.75 LTR \$22.99, (LESS \$5 MIR)	\$17.99
CAMARENA TEQUILA SILVER & REP	1.75 LTR \$32.99, 750 ML	\$17.99
CUERVO GOLD, SILVER TEQUILA	1.75 LTR \$29.99, (LESS \$4 MIR)	\$25.99
GOSLINGS BLACK RUM & GOLD	1.75 LTR	\$27.99
MOUNT GAY ECLIPSE RUM	1.75 LTR	\$31.99
NEW AMSTERDAM GIN	1.75 LTR	\$18.99
PATRON TEQUILA SILVER	\$42.99, REPOSADO \$44.99, XO CAFÉ	750 ML \$19.99
SAILOR JERRY RUM	1.75 LTR \$31.99, 750 ML	\$21.99
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DEWAR'S SCOTCH	1.75 LTR	\$29.99
FAMOUS GROUSE	1.75 LTR	\$29.99
GLENFIDDICH 12 YEAR	750 ML	\$34.99
GLENLIVET 12 YEAR SCOTCH	1.75 LTR \$69.99, 750 ML	\$35.99
GLENMORANGIE 10 YEAR	750 ML	\$39.99
JAMESON	750 ML \$23.99, 1.75 LTR	\$40.99
JOHNNIE WALKER BLACK	1.75 LTR \$59.99, 750 ML \$32.99, RED	1.75 LTR \$29.99
JOHNNIE WALKER	BLUE \$189.99, GOLD	750 ML \$64.99
LAPHROIG SCOTCH 10 YEAR	750 ML	\$44.99
TULLAMORE DEW	1.75 LTR	\$32.99

CORDIALS/COGNAC/BRANDY

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REMY MARTIN VSOP	750 ML	\$39.99
SAMBUCA ROMANA REG & BLACK	750 ML	\$20.99
SOUTHERN COMFORT	1.75 LTR	\$24.99

SPARKLING WINES

BAREFOOT BUBBLY (ALL FLAVORS)	750 ML	\$7.99
BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVEE CHAMPAGNE	750 ML	\$49.99
COOKS CHAMPAGNE (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	\$6.99
DOMAINE CHANDON BRUT, BLANC DE NOIR	750 ML	\$15.99
DOM PERIGNON CHAMPAGNE	750 ML	\$149.99
FREIXENET BRUT, X-DRY	750 ML	\$7.99
GAMBINO PROSECCO	750 ML	\$9.99
GLORIA FERRER (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	\$14.99
KORBEL (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	\$9.99
LAMARCA PROSECCO	750 ML	\$11.99
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MIONETTO IL PROSECCO	\$8.99, BRUT	750 ML \$10.99
MOET & CHANDON BRUT ROSE	\$49.99, IMPERIAL	750 ML \$36.99
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APOTHIC WINES (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	\$8.99
BAREFOOT WINES (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG	\$8.99
BERINGER CALIF WINES (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG	\$8.99, 750 ML \$5.99
BERINGER FOUNDERS (ALL TYPES)	1.5 MAG \$12.99, 750 ML	\$7.99
BERINGER KNIGHT VALLEY CABERNET	750 ML	\$19.99
BLACK BOX WINES (ALL FLAVORS)	3 LTR BAG/BOX	\$15.99
BOGLE WINES (ALL TYPES EXCL PHANTOM)	750 ML	\$7.99
BOTA BOX (ALL TYPES)	3 LTR BAG/BOX	\$14.99
BRAZIN ZINFANDEL	750 ML	\$10.99
BV COASTAL WINES (ALL TYPES)	750 ML	\$7.99
BV NAPA CABERNET	750 ML	\$16.99
CARNIVOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON	750 ML	\$9.99
CAYMUS NAPA CAB	750 ML \$64.99, CONUNDRUM WHITE & RED	\$17.99
CHATEAU ST JEAN (ALL REDS)	\$9.99, (ALL WHITES)	750 ML \$8.99
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YOUTH HOCKEY

South Shore Seahawks Learn to Skate

The South Shore Seahawks are accepting registrations for their Learn to Skate program which is held on Sunday's at 9:20 at Rockland Ice Arena. The program lasts 12 weeks starting on January 8. It is open to all children two years old and older. Space is limited, so register today. For more information, or to register online please visit southshoreseahawks.org

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Or maybe you are looking to work on some skills in our shooting and goalie clinic. The 3v3 tournament is for ages U10, U12 and U14.

The cost is \$65 per team, with four player maximum per team. The U10 plays Dec. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., while U12 is Dec. 28 and U14 is Dec. 29. The times are the same.

Teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games. Teams must register by Dec. 25. Early registration by Dec. 16 is \$50 per team.

Shooting/Goalie Clinic

There will be a shooting/goalie clinic at The U for ages 12-18 Dec. 27-29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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You can also contact fmulkern@theuhanover.com. 781-996-3053 ext. 110

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Boys hoop, girls hockey win openers

Girls basketball edged

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset boys basketball team opened its season in style Tuesday Dec. 13, beating Avon 52-35 at home.

Chase Bomeisler led the Skipper charge with 13 points and Tommy Carrabes added 10 points. Max Davis also had 10 points.

Cohasset was in control from the start, taking a 14-2 lead after one quarter.

The Skippers are off until Tuesday Dec. 20 when they'll host Carver.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 the Skippers are at Middleboro at 6:30 p.m., and travel to South Shore Voke Tuesday Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

On the girls side, Cohasset lost its opener 40-37 at Boston Latin Dec. 9.

The girls are scheduled to travel to Nantucket Saturday Dec. 17 for a 2:30 p.m. tip-off, and are at Carver Tuesday Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The girls finally have a home game Thursday Dec. 22 when they host Middleboro at 6:30 p.m. On the ice, the Cohasset/Hanover girls hockey team won their opener 8-2 at Boston Latin.

The girls are back on the ice Saturday Dec. 17 against Stoughton at Randolph's Zapostas Arena, Cohasset's home rink. That game starts at 12:45 p.m.

Monday Dec. 21 the girls are at Whitman-Hanson at 8 p.m. at The Bog in Kingston.

The boys swim team started the season with a 92-46 loss to Norwell Dec. 11, while the girls lost 93-75.

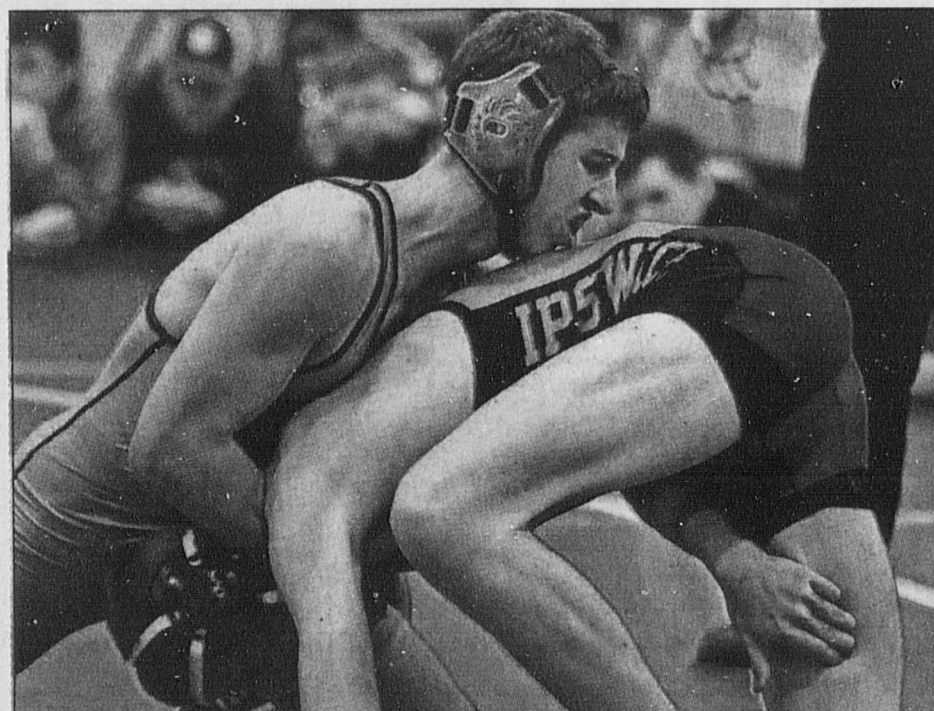
Next up is Rockland on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Scituate Racquet.



Cohasset's Elle Hansen looks to pass the ball during a recent scrimmage at Scituate High School. The girls lost their opener 40-37 at Boston Latin. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

WRESTLING

Soaring in Scituate



Cohasset's Mike Milenoski wrestles, Saturday, at the Scituate Invitational Tournament. He finished third in his weight class. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

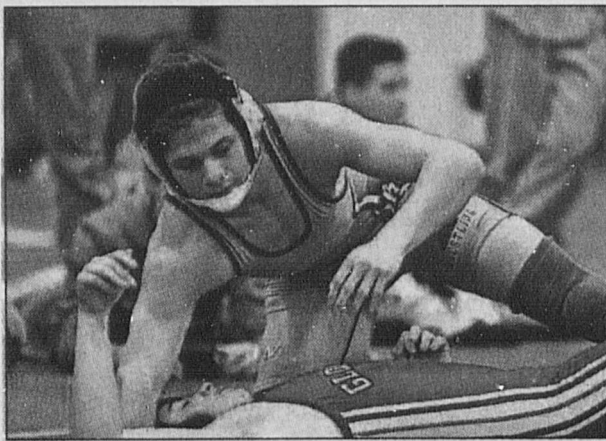
Grapplers finish third in 10-team tourney

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset wrestling team started its season in style, finishing in third place out of 10 teams in the annual Scituate Invitational Tournament at Scituate High School.

Junior Mike Nolan, sophomore Lado Tserelev and freshman Daniel Nolan all took second place. Third place

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Cohasset's Grant Guempel wrestled at 152 at Scituate, Saturday.

FAB FOUR

Wicked Local Basketball Power Rankings

Braintree tops the lists

By Chris McDaniel
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Tip-off is finally here.

This winter season is sure to boast some memorable moments, terrific teams and unforgettable games. Last season, five teams in this poll reached the South Sectional semifinals. The 2016-2017 season has the

potential to have similar results.

Last season's record is in parenthesis.

Boys

1 Braintree (15-7) – Junior Nick Timberlake is an explosive scorer. The Wamps hope to make a run in Division 1 South, which is always a minefield of the best basketball teams in the state.

2 Hanover (12-9) – Football success usually carries over to the hardwood. With an undefeated state title on the gridiron,

the Indians hope to carry that momentum over to the winter. Hanover returns several key players from last year's team, which reached the tournament despite competing in a loaded Patriot League.

3 Rockland (19-3) – Jakigh Marcellin and Jake Crawford are two of the top returning players in the area. Rockland will have to replace major pieces from last year's team, but coach Fred Damon always has the Bulldogs in the mix.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Tough start on the ice

Icemen penalties costly in 4-2 loss

The Cohasset Mariner

The Cohasset High School boys hockey team opened up their 2016-2017 season with a disappointing 4-2 loss to Old Rochester Regional.

The disappointment wasn't totally just from losing, but partly the way it happened.

The Skippers took leads of 1-0 after the first period and 2-1 after the second period, but could not hold off the aggressive, hard-skating Old Rochester

squad.

Coach Phil Mahoney praised the effort of his team, but was disappointed in one critical statistic—penalties.

"We took 15 ½ minutes of penalties against a good team and were short-handed for long stretches, in particular the final five minutes of the game with the score tied," Mahoney said. "You won't beat any team at any level with that amount of time in the penalty box. In 5-on-5 matchups, I thought that we were dominant at times. We moved the

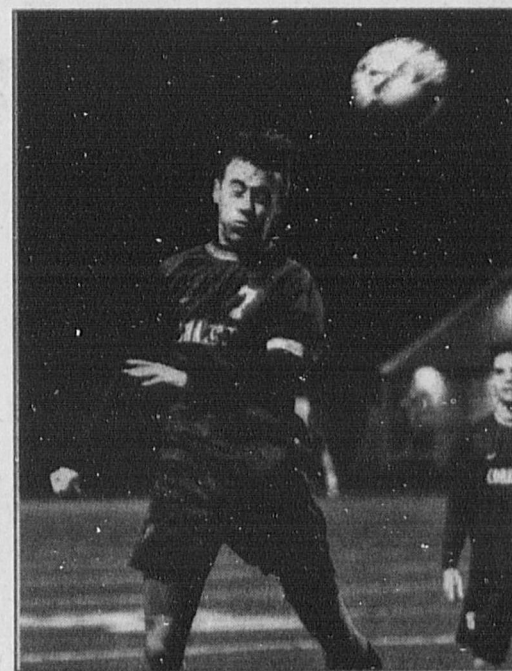
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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

★ ★ Cam Pattison ★ ★

"That was huge. At that point I was already thinking about what we were going to do in overtime."

Cohasset coach Jim Willis on Pattison's game-winning goal in the State Semifinal

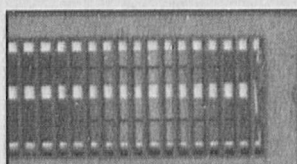


Pattison had a fantastic postseason for the Skippers, including scoring the game-winning goal against Boston International in the State Semifinal.

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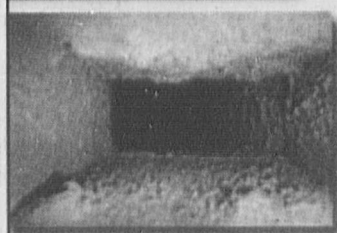
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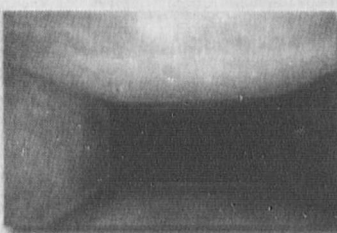


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finishers were senior Dan Varney, junior Grant Guempel and sophomore Mike Milenoski.

Fourth place finishers were junior Josh Rosen and freshman Adam Willmott and eighth grader Max Boye.

One crowd pleaser was a battle from Willmott who was down on points, then came from behind to defeat his opponent 18-17.

Also wrestling well and scoring team points were; sophomores Joe Fox, Aaron

Froio, Joe Donoghue, Cole Baker, Torey Vater and Tyler Mulhern.

Senior Liam Lynch and junior David Burke also won two matches each.

"It was a very good showing for what is mostly a very young team," longtime coach Torin Sweeney said.

Saturday, Dec. 17 Cohasset wrestles Somerset, Silver Lake and Essex Tech at 10 a.m.

Most recently, the team faced Maimonides Wednesday Dec. 14 (result unavailable at press time).

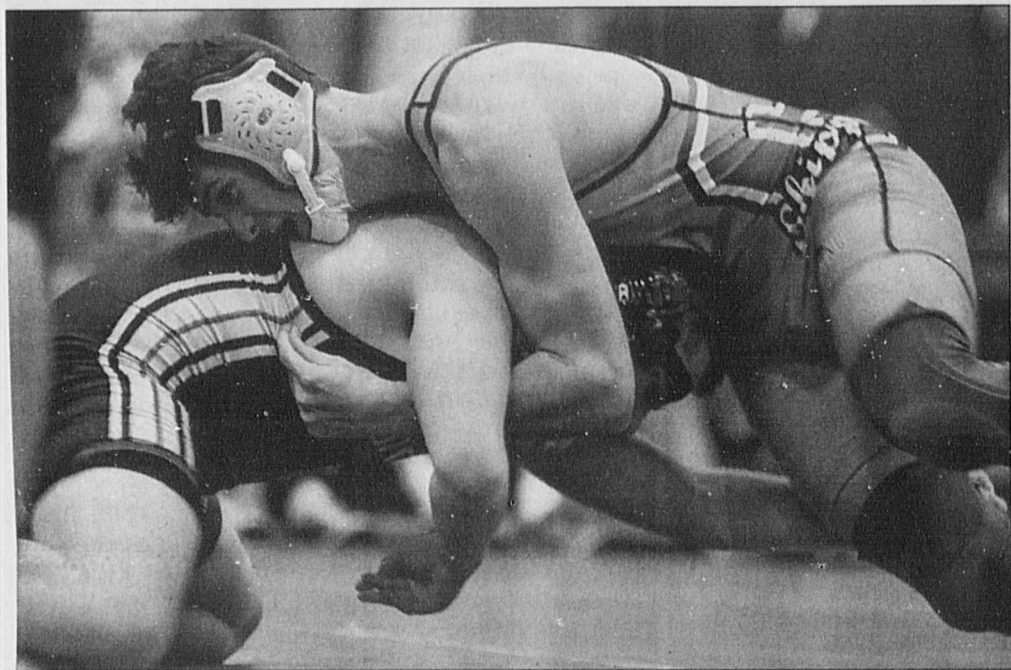
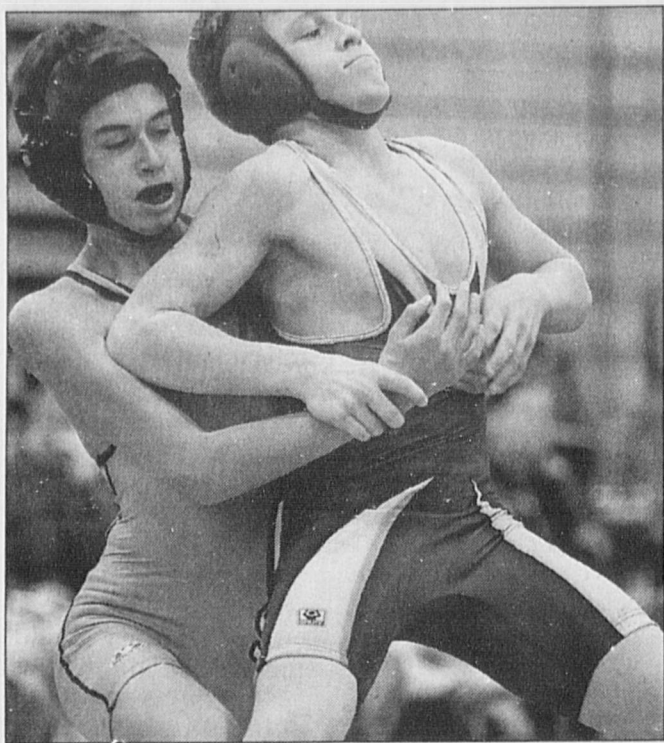
Next up, the Skippers host Hanover Wed. Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.



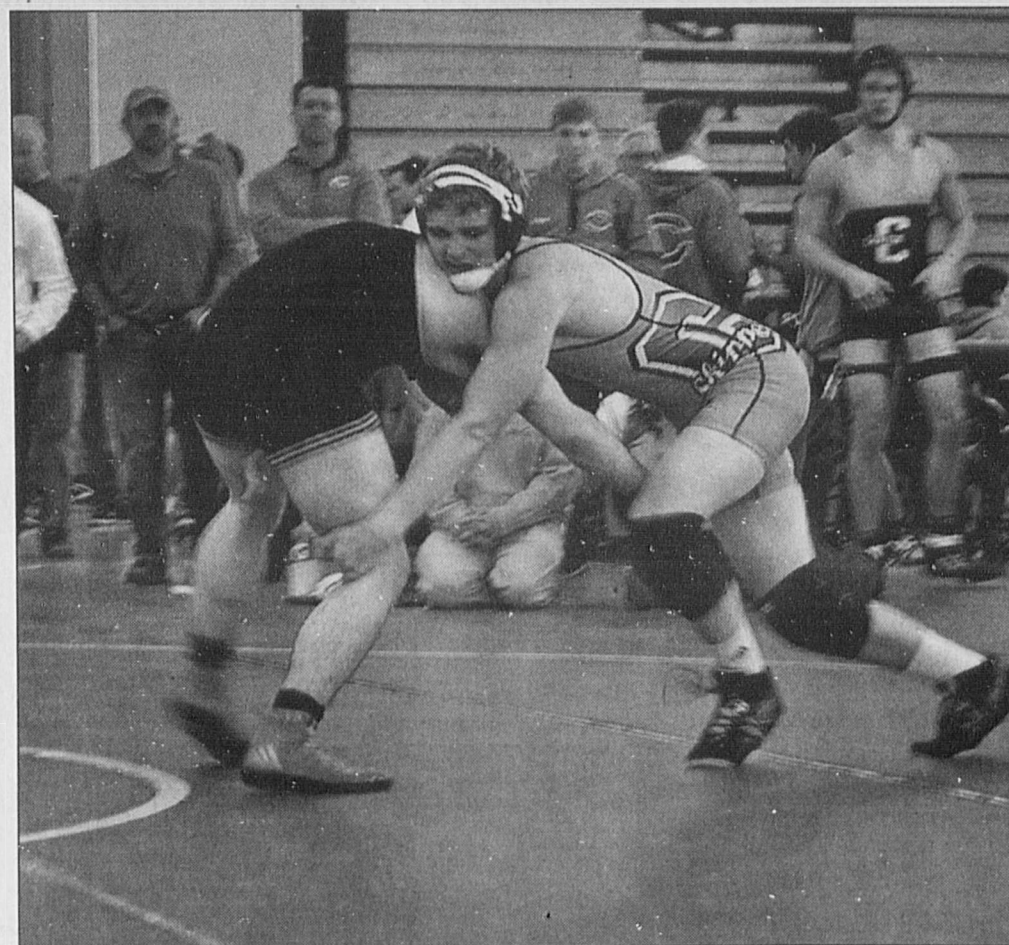
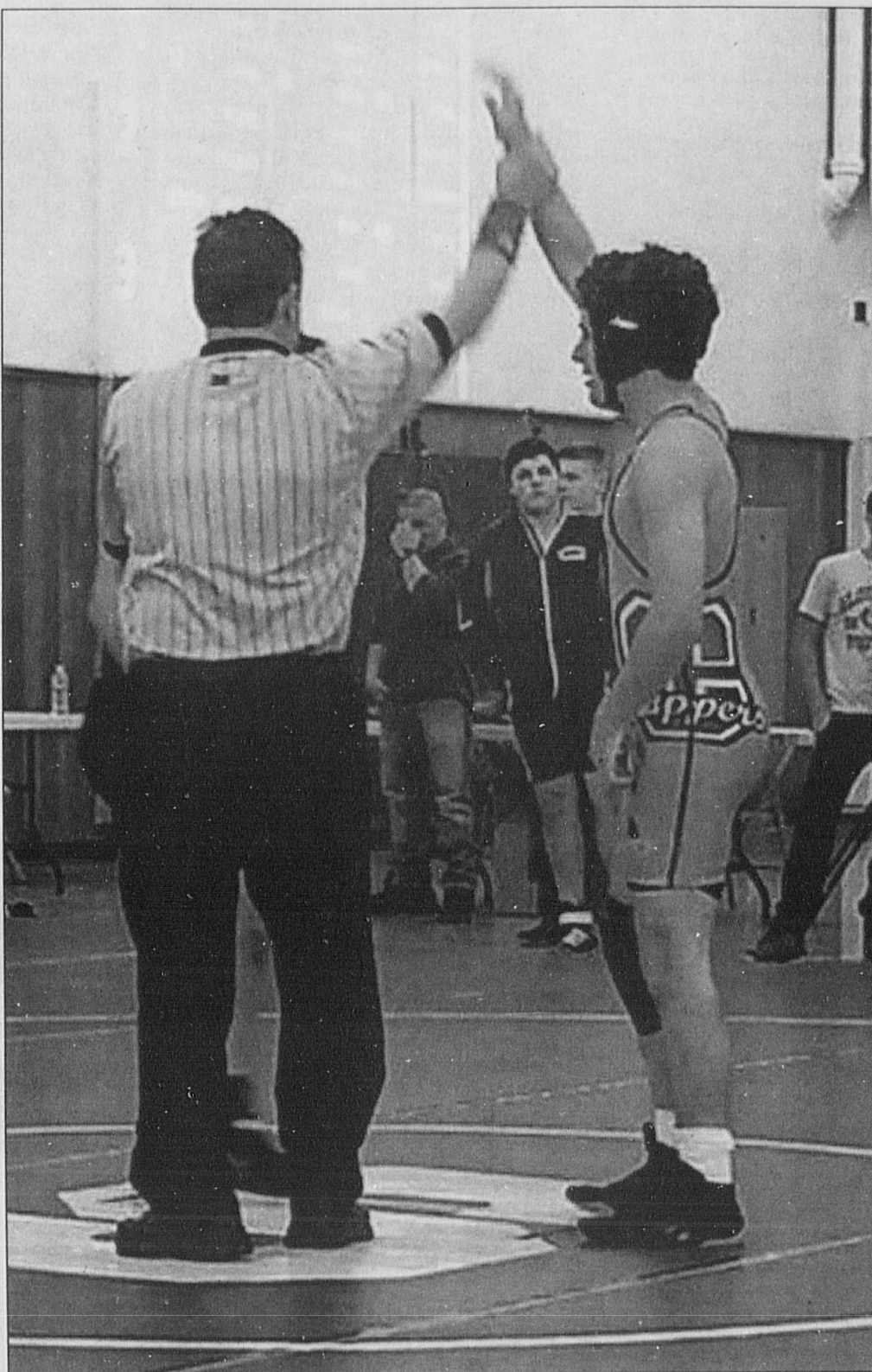
Cohasset coaches and medalists (above) from the Scituate tournament take a photo, Saturday, at Scituate High School. COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset's Max Boye wrestled (left) at 113, Saturday. Boye finished fourth. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

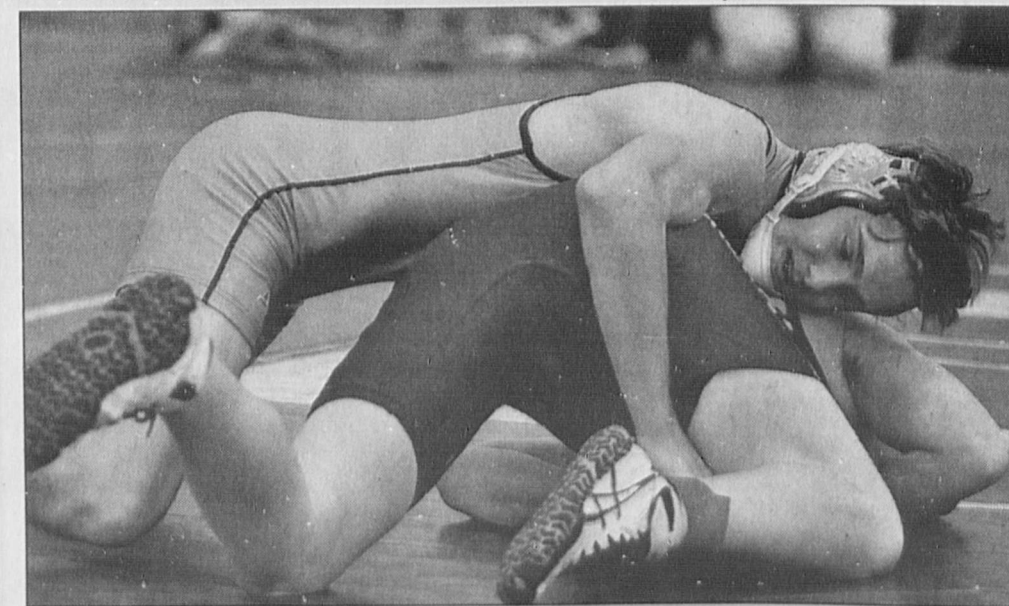
Aaron Froio (right) enjoys a win at the Scituate tournament, Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO



Grant Guempel wrestles Saturday at the Scituate Invitational Tournament, Saturday. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Cohasset's Liam Lynch takes down his opponent at 160 at the Scituate Invitational Tournament Saturday Dec. 11 at Scituate High School. COURTESY PHOTO



Cohasset's David Burke battles at 152 at the Scituate Invitational Tournament, Saturday, Dec. 10, at Scituate High School. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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Elle Hansen named All-American

Skipper star first to earn honor

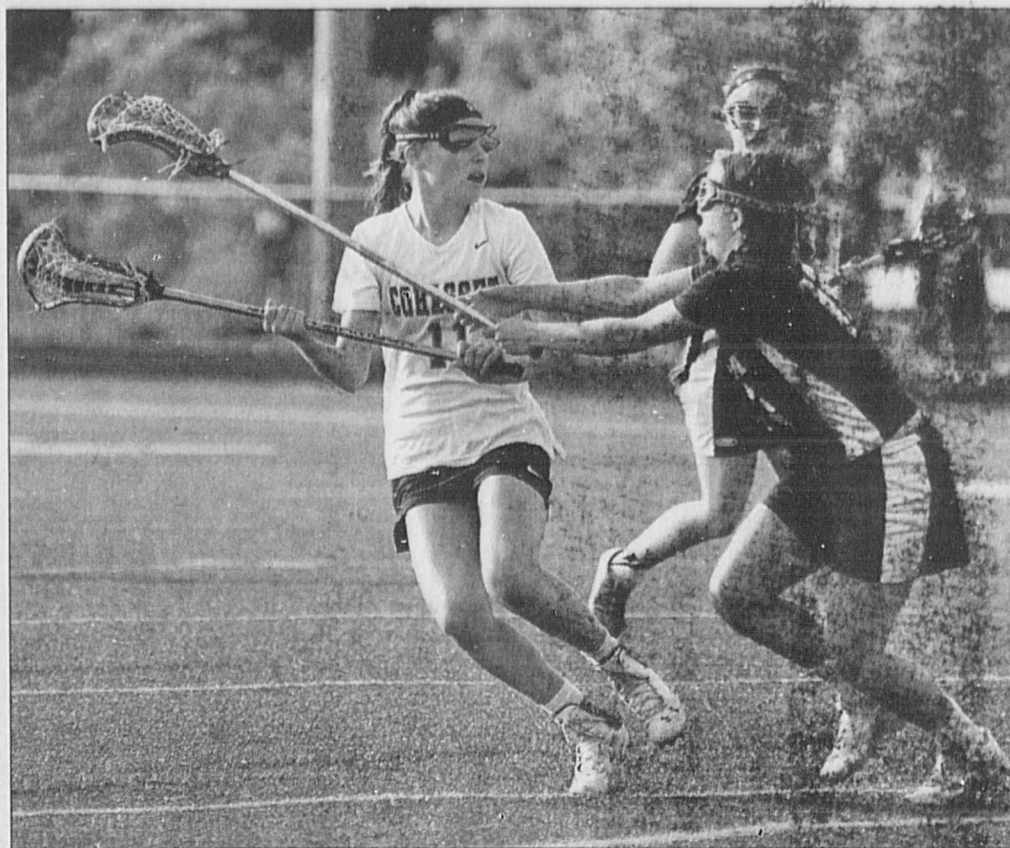
Cohasset High School Junior Elle Hansen was recently selected as the first Skipper girls lacrosse player to be named US Lacrosse All American for her outstanding 2016 season.

Hansen finished her sophomore campaign with 63 goals and 41 assists breaking her own single season record of 102 points from the previous season.

Elle will go into the 2017 season fourth all time in scoring and was one of only two sophomores honored as a USL All American in Eastern Mass.

Cohasset's Elle Hansen was named a US Lacrosse All American for her outstanding 2016 season.

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RANKING

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4 Hingham (12-9) – At 6-foot-9, Logan Larsen is the best rim protector in the area. It wouldn't be a surprise to see Larsen average 20 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks a game this winter.

On the bubble: Scituate (14-8), Norwell (17-5), Carver (10-11)

Girls

1 Braintree (22-1) – Once again, Braintree coach Kristen McDonnell will be tasked with replacing a deep senior class from last season. With the run the Wamps have been on in recent years, there's no reason to think Braintree won't figure it out once again.

2 Hanover (22-1) – An undefeated regular season ended with a

shocking upset in the Division 3 South Sectional semifinals against Coyle-Cassidy for the Indians last season. Although Hanover graduated some key players, two future Division 1 NCAA players return in Meghan Rabb (Air Force) and Hayley Wardwell (Drexel). Expect a similar season from the Indians.

3 Marshfield (13-8) – Experience is the name of the game for the Rams. Four of the Rams' starters have earned serious varsity experience for the past two seasons. Marshfield could be in store for a deep run this winter.

4 Hingham (17-7) – Haley Blasetti and Abby Landry form a dynamic duo that is virtually unmatched talent-wise in the area. For the Harborwomen to repeat last year's trip to the Sectional finals, they'll have to fill in the right pieces around their stars.

OTB: Norwell (14-6),

Pembroke (14-8), Scituate (13-8)

Games of the Week

During the fall, Fridays are dedicated to football. But in the winter, the action moves inside to the gym on Fridays. Each week, we'll select a boys and girls basketball game that features the best matchup on Friday nights.

Boys: Quincy at Hingham, 6:30 p.m. – Quincy always finds itself near the top of the Patriot League Keenan Division. The Harbormen are hoping to get off on the right foot as they open the season with three league games. The Presidents are rolling with an entirely new starting five, while Hingham has a slight edge in continuity early on.

Girls: Braintree at Norwood, 6:30 p.m. – The Wamps will open their

season at the Mustangs on Friday in a Bay State Conference game. Braintree's Keelah Dixon, a Colgate University commit, will match up with Norwood's Meghan Reen in a battle of the two best point guards in the state.

The Fab Four Basketball Power Rankings are decided with the help of several factors: record, strength of schedule, performance against teams and margin of victory. The public schools in our coverage area include: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, and Weymouth. Send nominations for players of the week to cimdaniel@wickedlocal.com or reach on Twitter @ChrisMcDaniel88.

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Classic. The Classic is designed for all adult hockey players, age 18 and older, looking for a fast paced tournament that includes a championship prize, certified officials and a post-event celebration. Each team is guaranteed to play 4 games of action packed full ice play using a 5-on-5 format. For more information, contact Sean Kennedy at 781-312-5049 or skennedy@fmcicesports.com. Asiaf Arena is located at 702 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301 and is a Commonwealth of Massachusetts public ice skating facility, overseen by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and managed by FMC Ice Sports.

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puck well and created some high quality scoring opportunities. We had to change our lines earlier in the week due to an injury to one of last year's leading scorers, junior Kyle Ferreira, and the new combinations played well."

Sophomore Conor Joslin and senior Michael McKelvey scored for Cohasset.

The highlight of the night came in the performance of freshman goaltender Ethan Bartucca, who was making his first start at the varsity level. Bartucca faced 25 shots and kept the Skippers in the game as they tried to kill off all of their

penalties.

"If you had no knowledge of the players on our roster, you would think that Ethan Bartucca was a three-year starter," Mahoney said. "He played with tremendous composure in his first career game and bailed us out on several occasions where mistakes led to breakaways and odd-man rushes. He is a talented young man with a great attitude. His continued development will be critical to our success this year."

The Skippers return to the ice on Saturday night at 8 p.m. at the Connell Rink in Weymouth as they face off against Hull-Middleboro in their first South Shore League contest.

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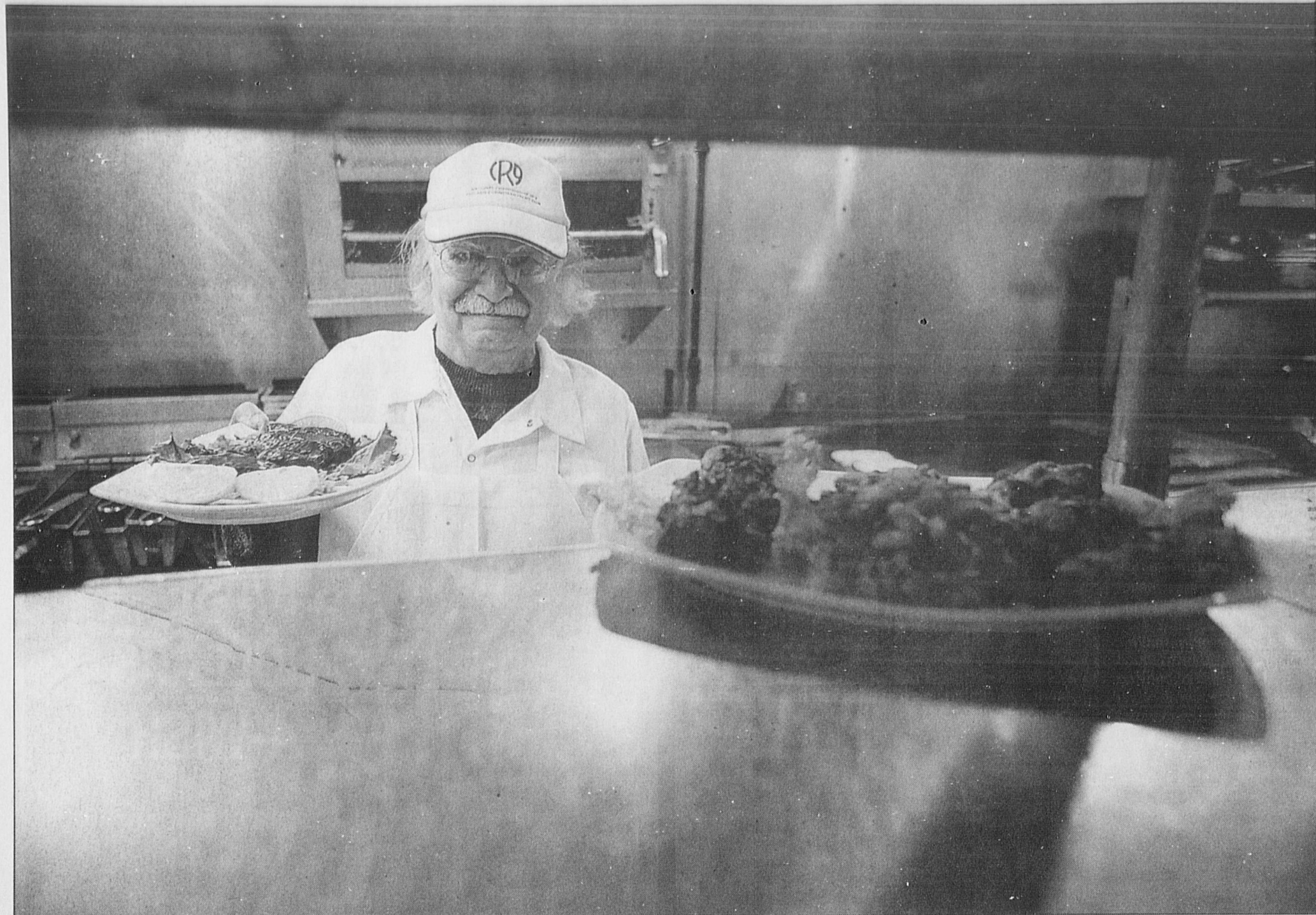
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DISHING IT OUT



Walid Masoud serves up authentic Middle Eastern food at his restaurant, Sepal, in Hull. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS/ ROBIN CHAN

Sepal

Authentic Middle Eastern cuisine

Sepal offers authentic Middle Eastern cuisine, which earned customer satisfaction demonstrated in a five star average on Yelp, and recognition from PBS for serving one of the 16 best sandwiches nationwide in a documentary titled "sandwiches you will like." The Sepal menu is based on a Mediterranean diet, which is backed by 10,000 years of experimenting with food in the Middle East. All of Sepal's food is offered baked, including falafel. They also serve traditionally prepared fried falafel. Shawarma, beef kafta kabab, moussaka, and other entrees are served with rice, white kidney bean sauce, and fatoush salad. For families and friends, Sepal at the

Red Parrot is a unique destination for a night out because it serves a complete Middle Eastern menu alongside an all-new menu by The Red Parrot. All palates in your party will be satisfied.

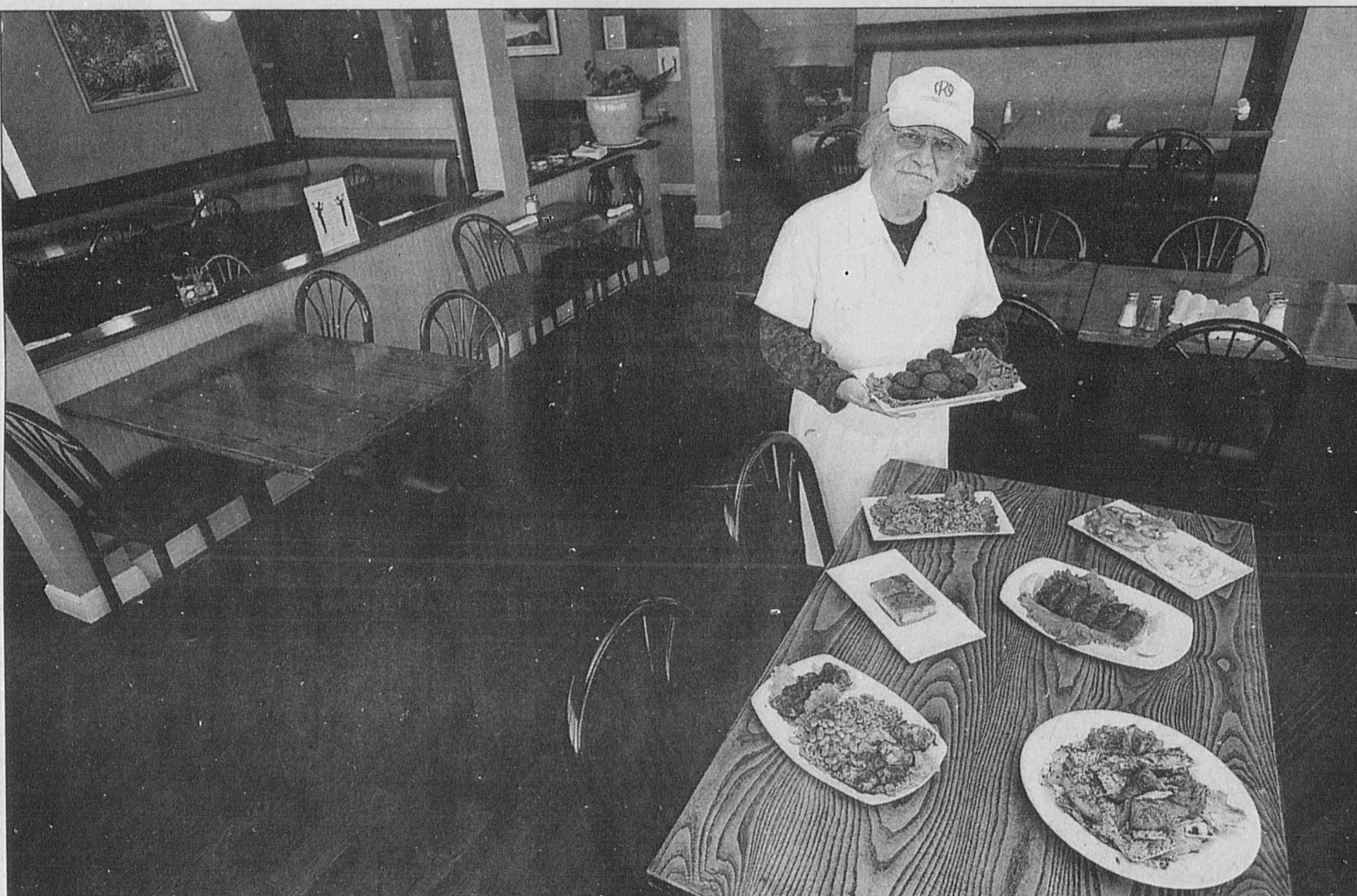
Owner and manager of Sepal: Walid Masoud.

How long has Sepal at the Red Parrot been open, why did you decide on this location: Sepal was founded in 1992 in Watertown, and moved to Cambridge, then Quincy, and has been in Hull at the Red Parrot since April 2016. The view of Nantasket Beach is priceless, and working and living here is a gift.

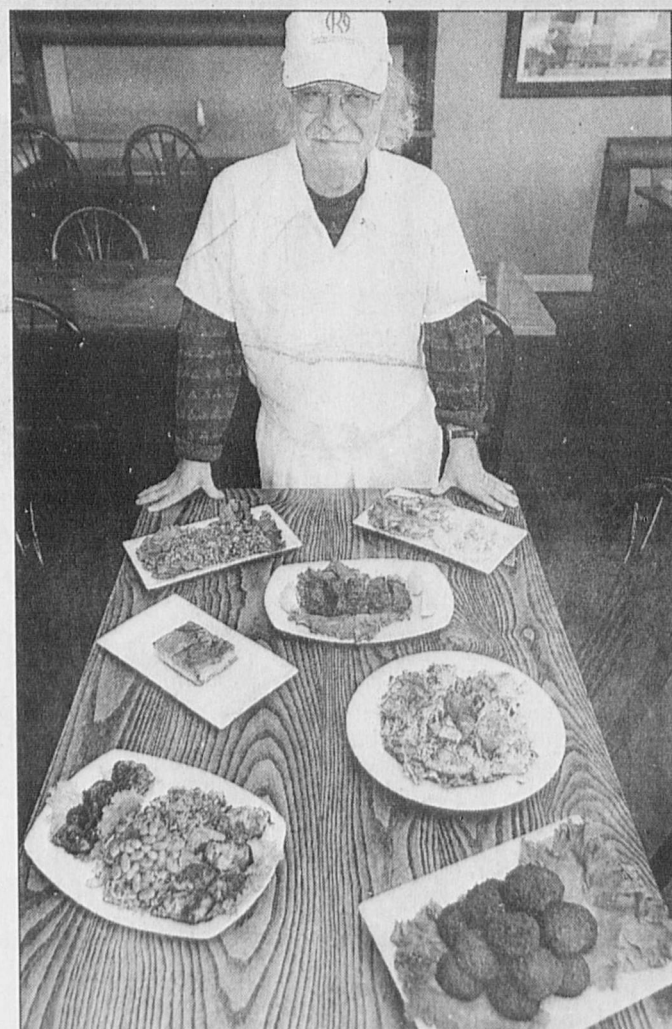
Favorite dish on the menu: A favorite on the menu is stuffed grape leaves, offered both vegan and with beef. Customers have been talking about how delicious and flavorful they are!

Favorite drink: Arabic mint tea, hot or iced, is the favorite drink at Sepal. It is made with fine tea from the mountains of Darjeeling, and brewed with imported mint from Egypt.

What's on tap here and how would you describe your wine and cocktail list: Sepal has 12 beers on tap, including a selection of local micro brewers from Martha's Vineyard to Maine as well as some well known favorites. The wine



Walid Masoud holds a plate of falafa that was voted number one in 2002 in a Sandwiches that You Would Like competition.

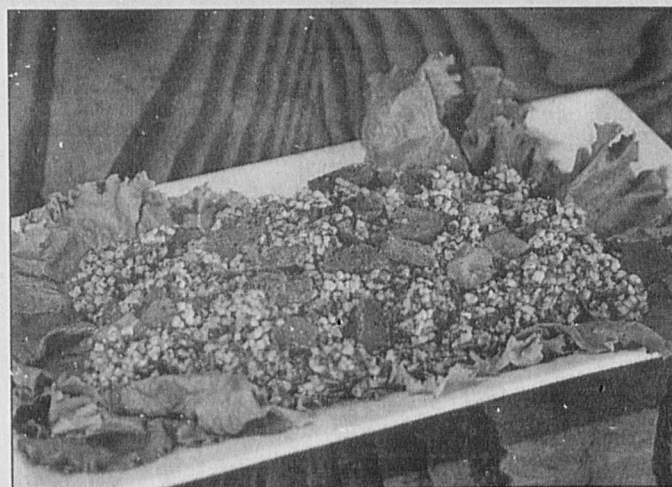


Walid Masoud stands behind the food from his native region that he is now serving in Hull at Sepal.

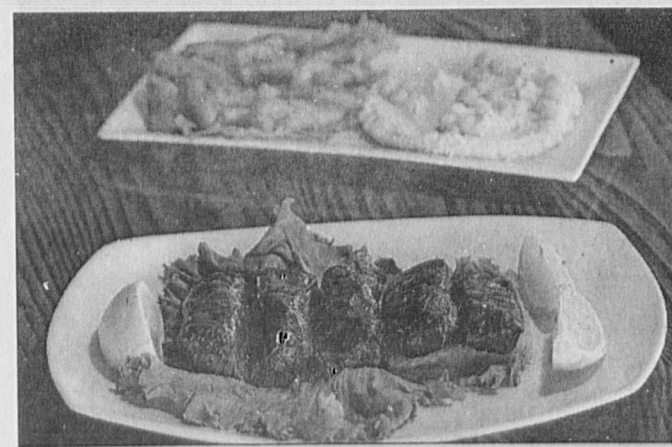
list is comprised of some of the most popular varieties from California, Italy, New Zealand, Germany, South Africa and Argentina. A wide selection of specialty cocktails awaits you from martinis, margaritas, and coffee drinks, to delicious

frozen cocktails.

How often does the menu change: The menu is constant, but Sepal offers specials and occasionally introduces new entrees and appetizers.



The tabouleh can be eaten in its own right as a meal with the help of Walid's twist on the common Middle Eastern dish.



These grape leaves are stuffed with rice and meat. The hummus is made fresh.

What vegan, vegetarian or gluten free options are offered: All soups, rice, and sauces are vegan. Sepal offers vegan maktoubah, a traditional dish made with eggplant, cauliflower, tofu, and yams. Sepal also offers vegetarian moussaka. Sepal falafel is vegan and

80 percent of the menu is gluten free.

What's the average wait time for a table on a busy day for lunch or dinner: There is no waiting time during the autumn, winter and spring. Sepal does get busy in the summer, with

waiting times from ½ hour to 1 hour.

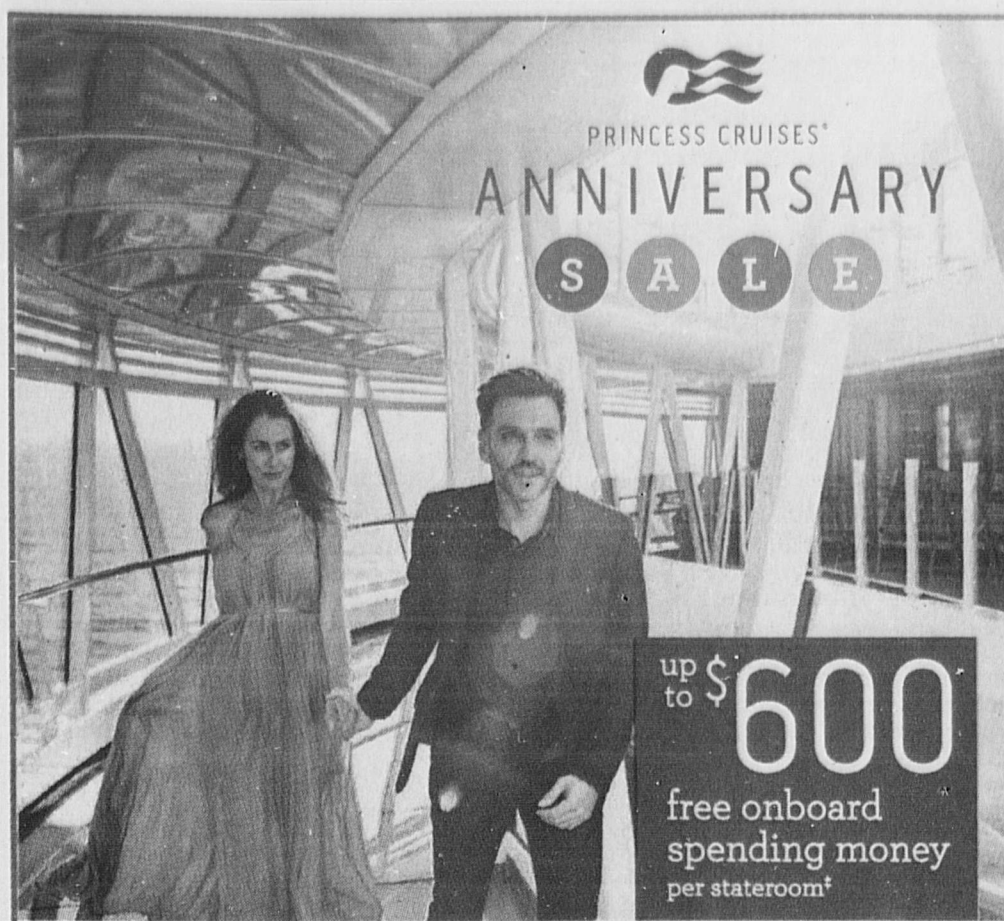
Do you have outdoor seating seasonally: The deck overseeing Nantasket Beach is open in the summer and autumn.

The best thing about Sepal at the Red Parrot: East meets West here in Sepal at the Red Parrot.

What makes Sepal stand apart from other dining options in the area: This is the only restaurant we know of where traditional ocean-side fare is served alongside a Middle Eastern menu.

Fun fact about Sepal: Sepal was endorsed by Aerosmith in an autographed photograph with the words "Sepal: Eat, Luv, Rock."

About Sepal: Located at One Hull Shore Drive in Hull. Winter hours are Wednesday 5 to 9 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday noon to 9 p.m.. In the spring and summer Sepal is open every day noon to 9 p.m. Appetizers and entrees are priced at \$7 to \$15. Reservations are recommended for parties of 4 or more. You can reach Sepal at (617) 917-4397 or (781) 925-1115, or visit: sepalrestaurant.com.



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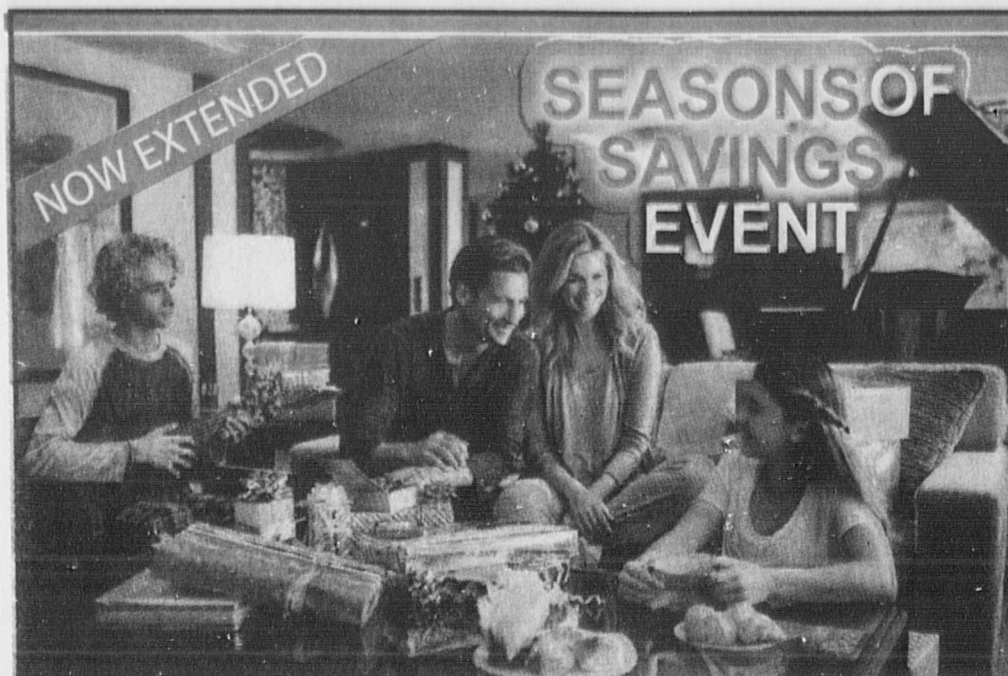
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The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire Log, which is public record and available for review.

Monday, Dec. 5

6:15 a.m.: A caller on Columbian Street reported that a cat bit a person on King Street and needed to be quarantined.

10:42 a.m.: A smoke detector alarm was reported on King Street. Police reported it was set off by burnt toast, and fire personnel confirmed.

11:03 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle crash was reported at Shaw's Supermarket on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. An elderly female party backed into the caller's car and she didn't have her registration with her.

12:42 p.m.: A slight outdoor odor of gas was reported on Jerusalem Road at Windy Hill Road. Personnel reported gas bubbling from a gas cover, and National Grid was notified.

4:36 p.m.: A town hall employee reported a blinking white light on top of First Parish Church on North Main Street and was concerned it was an alarm going off. Personnel did a walkthrough and determined it was a faulty light bulb.

10:19 p.m.: A general fire alarm was reported on South Main Street. Fire personnel reported a resident

on the second floor was burning incense. The apartment was vented and the alarm reset.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

10:45 a.m.: Mutual aid was provided to the town of Braintree for a minor motor vehicle accident on Route 3 North.

12:02 p.m.: A caller reported that her wallet was stolen from her purse while she was parked at the Cohasset Senior Center on Sohler Street with her vehicle unlocked. Nothing else was taken.

4:30 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported swerving and driving slow in a grey sedan near Curtis Liquors on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police reported nothing to the Scituate line.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

6:17 a.m.: A carbon monoxide alarm was reported on Jerusalem Road. The homeowner reported all was fine and did not know the reason for the activation. The alarm company did not believe the home needed to be evacuated.

8:42 a.m.: A two-vehicle motor vehicle crash without injuries was reported at Starbucks on Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

12:55 p.m.: A caller on Hull Street believed his sister had passed away overnight. A funeral home was notified and was on scene.

4:35 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported repeatedly going over the line to the right and then breaking in a white car on King Street. Police checked OK.

4:52 p.m.: A caller on Beechwood Street reported receiving a phone call claiming she won money. No personal information had been given, and the caller was advised that it was a scam.

6:52 p.m.: Police received an abandoned 911 call from Sohler Street. The caller reported it was accidental by their 10-year-old son who was not happy about doing homework.

Thursday, Dec. 8

5:41 a.m.: A caller on Ledge Way reported he was concerned about a friend who made threatening statements on Facebook. Police checked on the female party and reported no medical needed.

9:42 a.m.: A garage carport door alarm was reported on Aaron River Road. Police reported construction on site.

10:25 a.m.: An 18-month-old was reported locked in a car on Locust Road. The car was not running, but the child was not distressed and had been inside for three minutes. Access was gained.

11:20 a.m.: Police responded to Joy Place at North Main Street to put down a coyote that had been struck by a car. Officers reported the animal had died before their arrival. Nuisance Animal Removal was contacted.

11:50 a.m.: A caller requested a wellbeing check on an elderly male walking in the roadway on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Pond Street. The caller stated he seemed confused and had a carriage with him possibly filled with trash. Police checked and the party was fine.

11:53 a.m.: A caller reported a dead deer on the beach on Margin Street. An officer reported that it appeared to have been shot. Environmental police were notified and disposed of the animal.

2:12 p.m.: Vandalism was reported on the playground at Osgood School on Sohler Street.

3:10 p.m.: An unwanted male was reported in the parking lot of the Blue Mussel Tavern on King Street refusing to leave. He had no weapons and was not acting aggressive. The party was advised not to return.

3:20 p.m.: A passerby reported a lost-looking white labradoodle on Red Gate Lane.

3:34 p.m.: An inside odor of gas was reported on Pleasant Street. Fire personnel ventilated and tried to shut off the gas, and a check of the residence showed no carbon monoxide. National Grid was notified and responded.

4:12 p.m.: A caller on Wheelwright Farm requested assistance with checking smoke detectors that were beeping with no smoke or fire. It was a battery issue that the homeowner would handle.

8:14 p.m.: A resident on Jerusalem Road reported a large tour bus parked across from his house in front of the Greek church for two hours with the engine running. Police reported that the bus was unoccupied and was not parked illegally.

Friday, Dec. 9

10:52 a.m.: A caller reported a disagreement with a neighbor on South Main Street about a fence and leaves being raked onto his property. Both parties were advised it was a civil issue.

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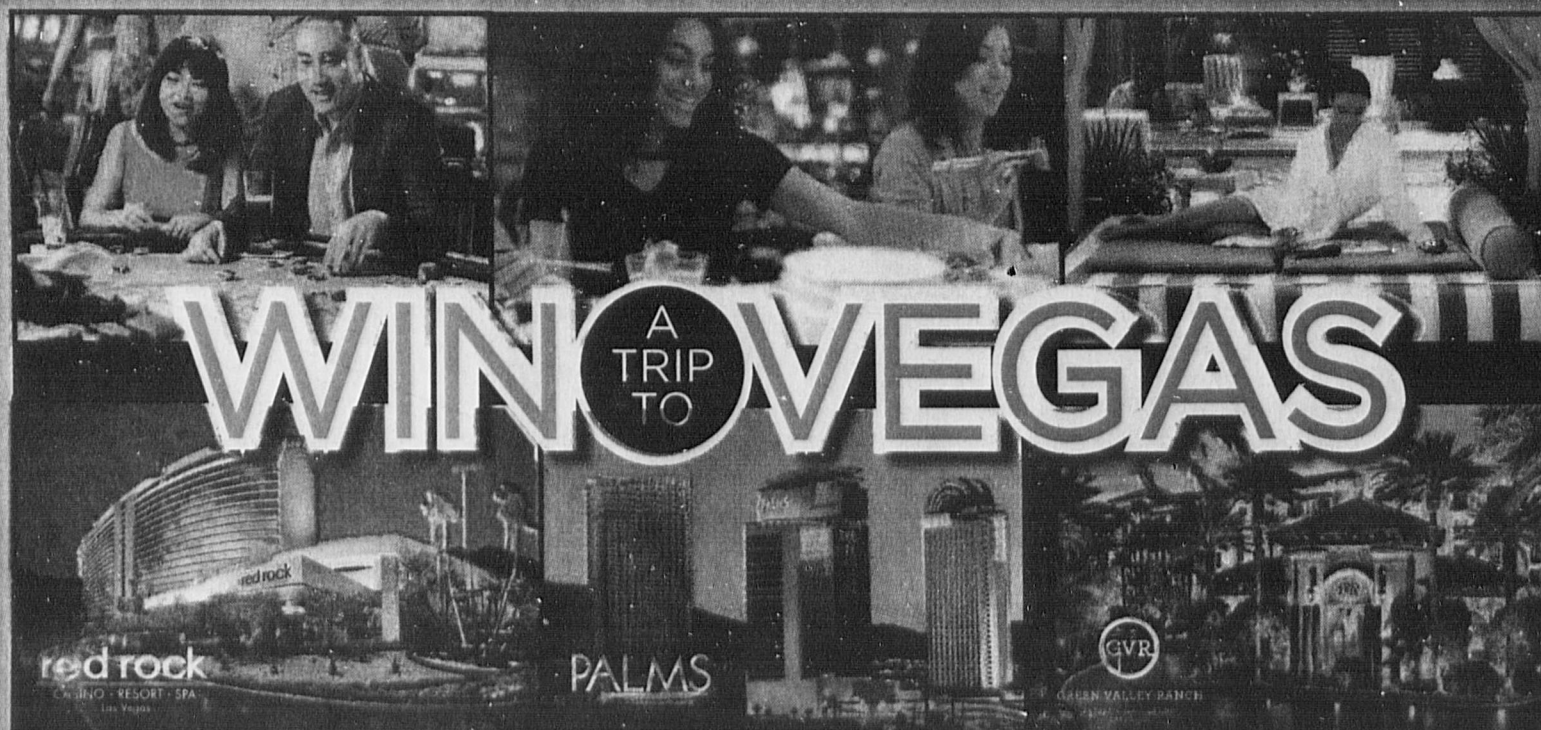
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By Tammy Hatch

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After some gentle petting and chin rubs, Nicky will relax his defenses and allow you to put him in your lap where he'll cuddle forever while being petted. Nicky is a new arrival at the shelter and though he prefers to keep to himself, he doesn't appear to mind the other kittens in the room that tirelessly seek to befriend him. Kittens and cats born with three paws adapt very well and lead full, enjoyable lives and are typically as agile and active as those with all four!

That said, this special little boy is going to need an owner or family who are able to adapt not only in attitude towards him, but also be flexible in ensuring he is provided a home environment which can accommodate his needs.

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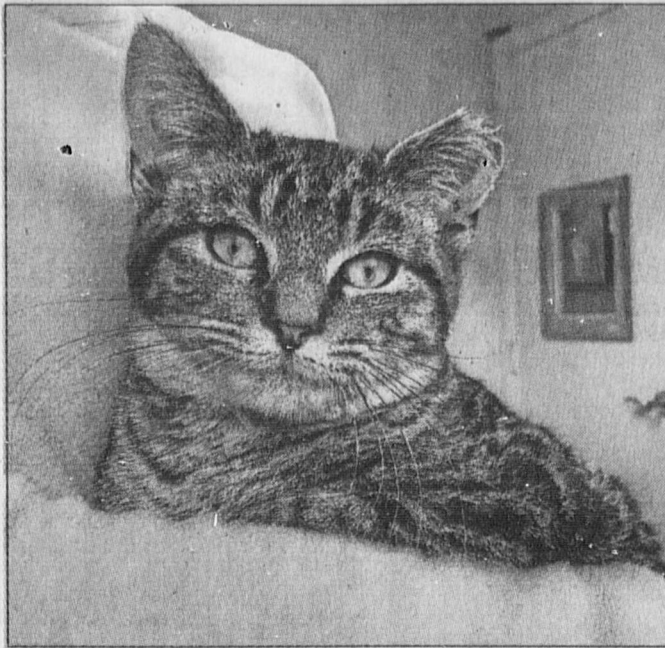
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Nicky was born with three paws but does not let that get in his way. He is sweet with a warm purr and lots of love to share. COURTESY PHOTO

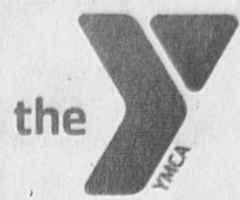
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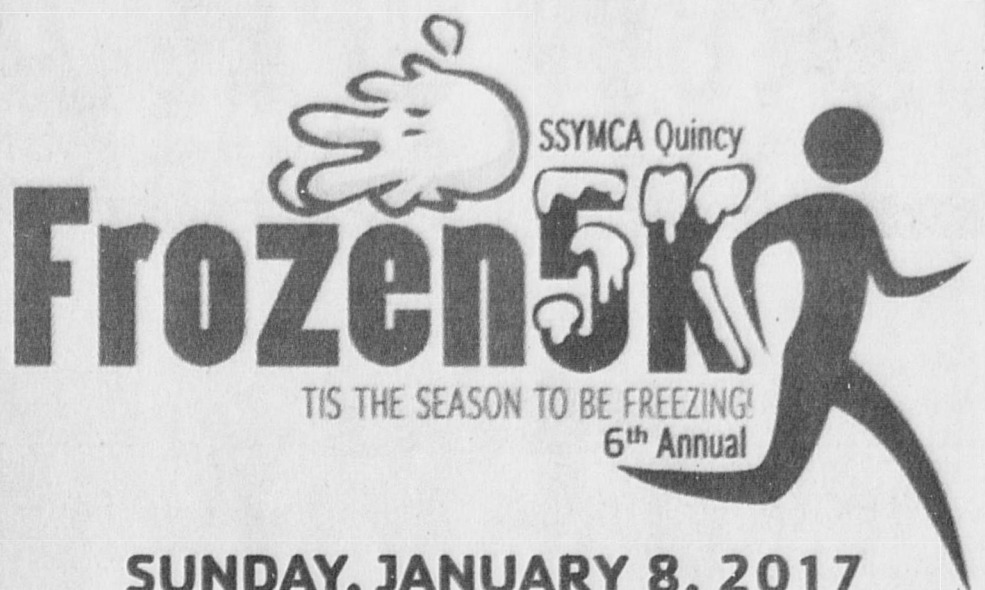
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— Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.



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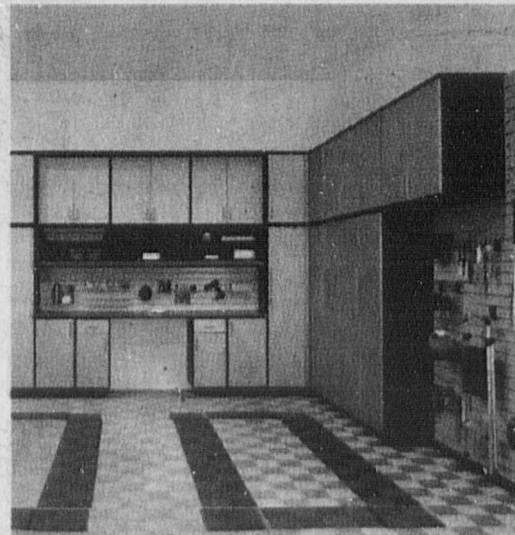
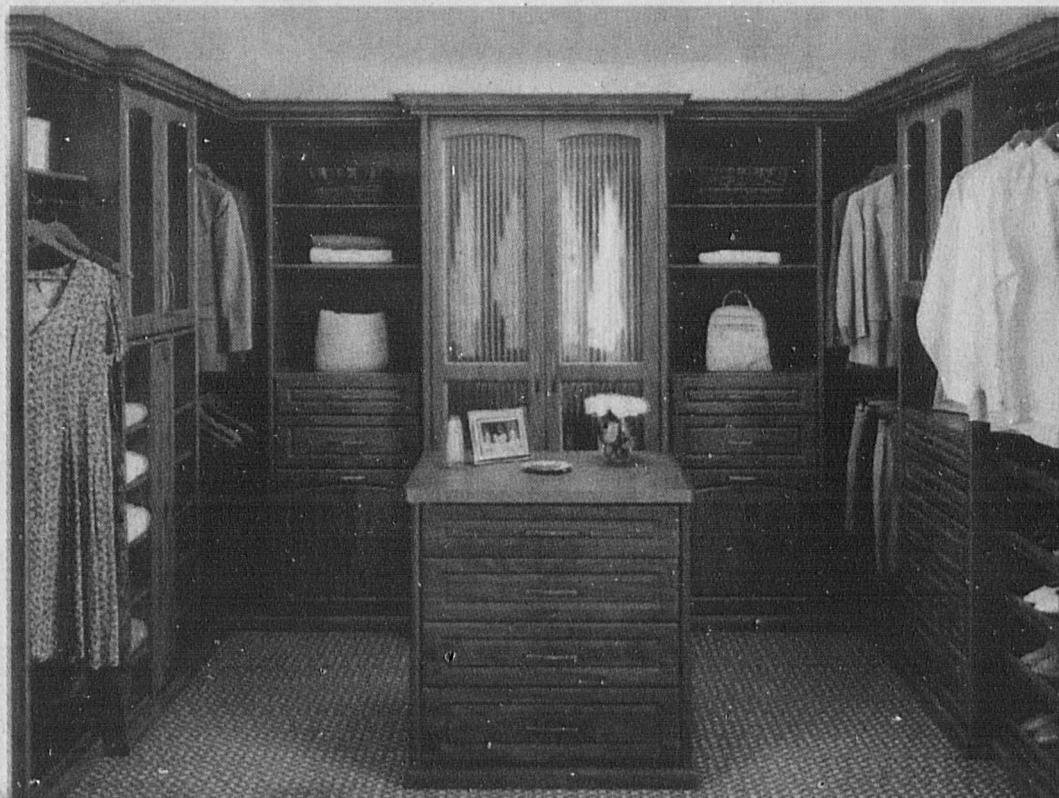
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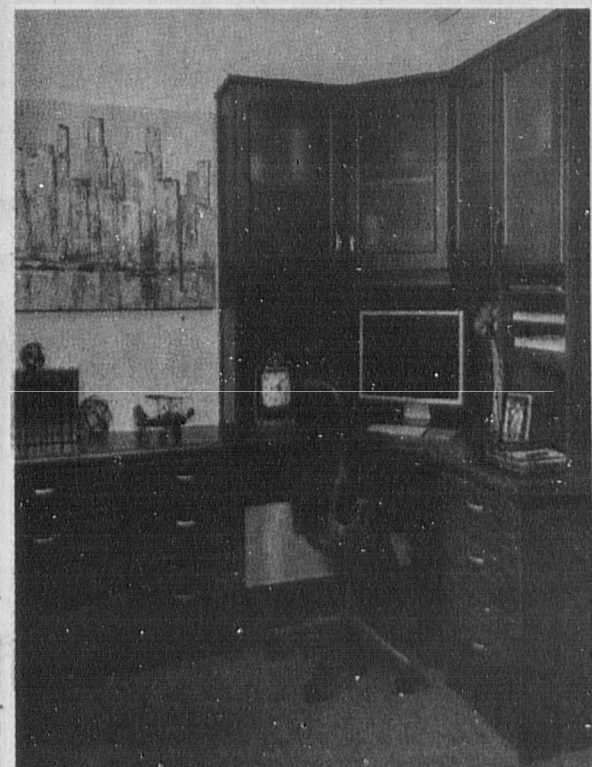
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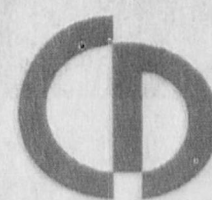
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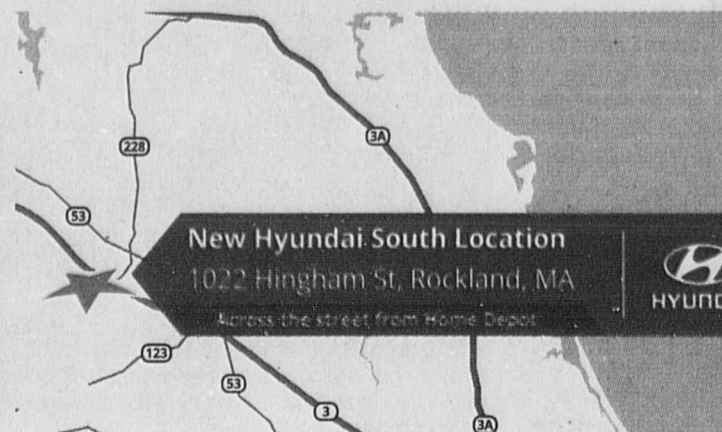
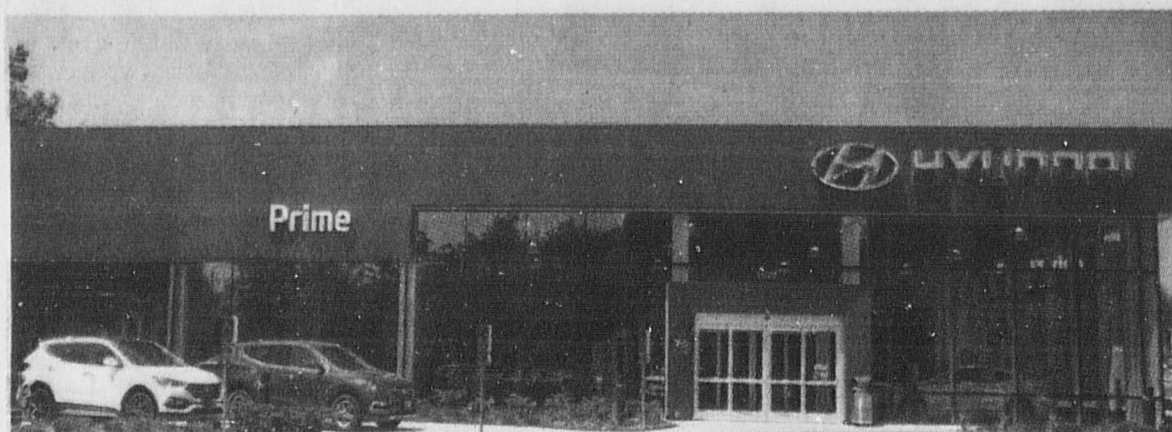


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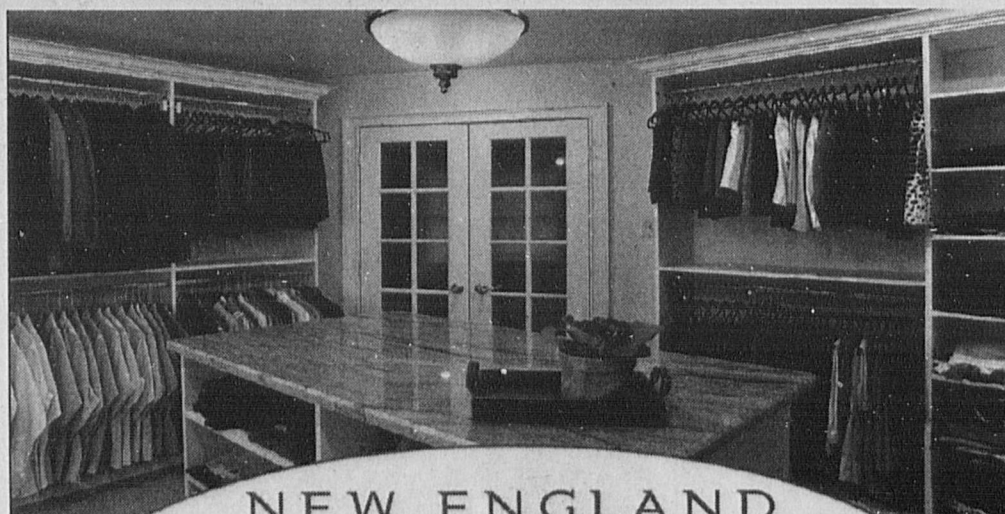
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Little Bits is a big win

Zing, beep, flash — these are the sounds and sights heard in every Little Bits class at the Deer Hill School. Little Bits for Education is a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) project sponsored by the Cohasset Educational Foundation (CEF) through a grant written by teachers Cassandra O'Brien and Deb Henry.

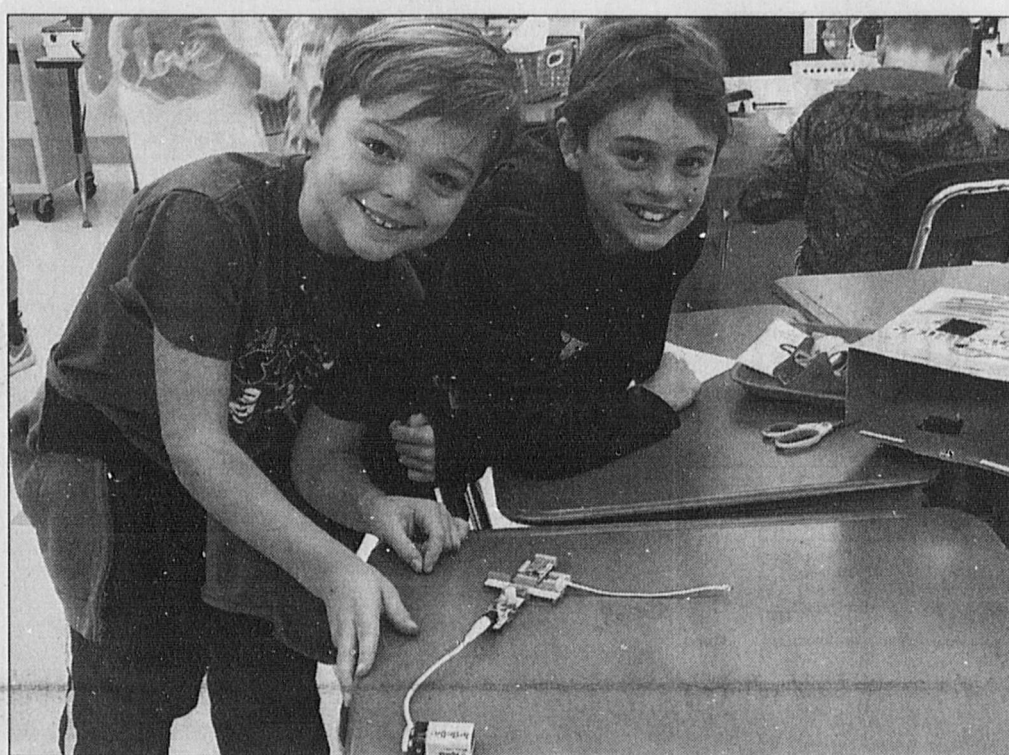
Little Bits are tool kits of electronic devices — lights, wire connectors, power cords, sensors, and batteries for circuit building — from which the students design and create an apparatus that accomplishes a task. It offers students a collaborative, engaging, hands-on approach to problem solving and critical thinking.

Most recently students in Ms. Henry's class had divided into groups of 2 to 3 to design seven devices which include a:

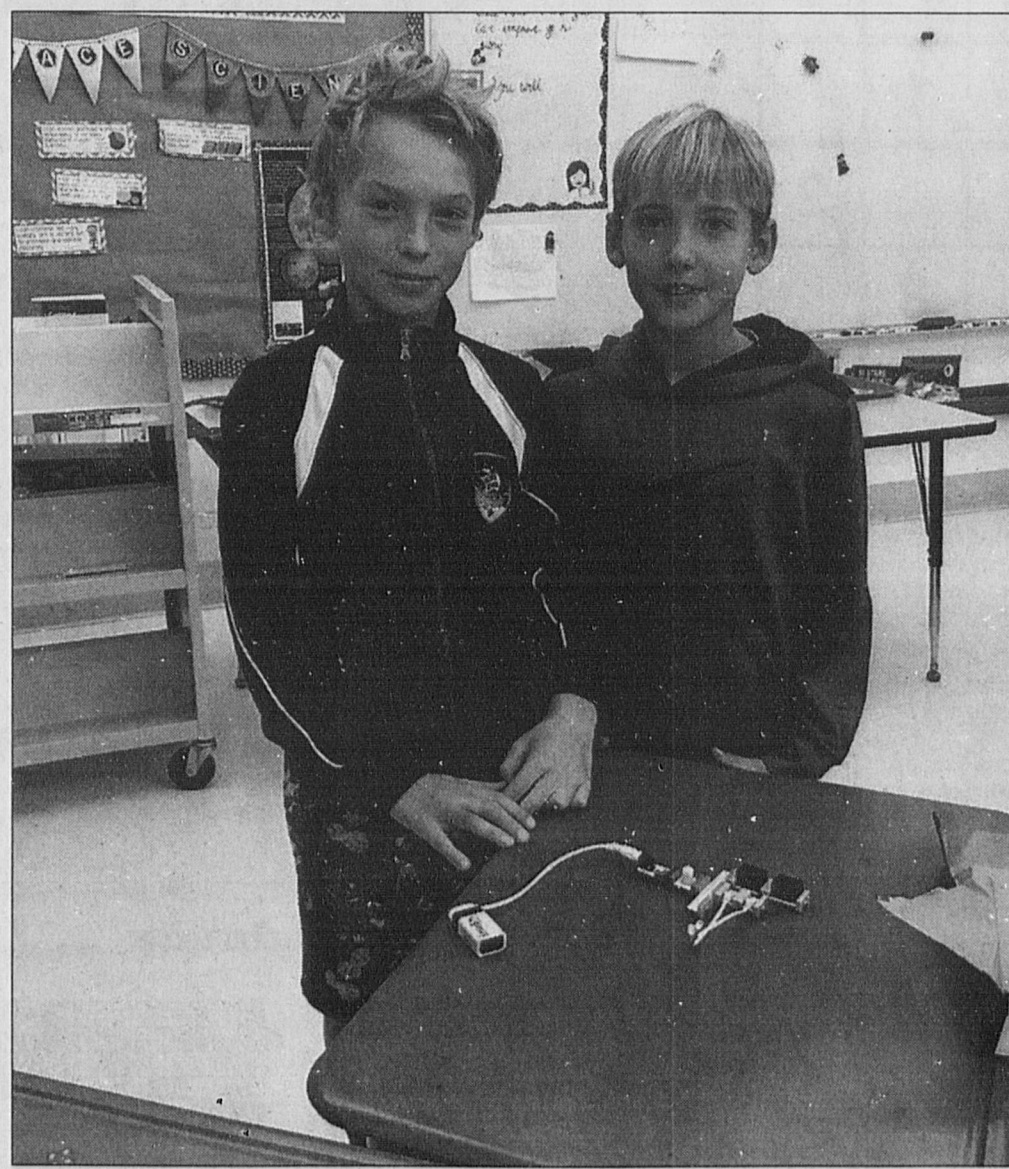
- sound activated car,
- house alarm activated by a sensor under the doorstep,
- decibel meter that turns on the fan when the classroom noise reaches a certain level,
- study game with a buzzer similar to Jeopardy,
- motions triggered light
- light sensitive buzzer housed in a paper face

The students plan, design and then explain their project to their peers. Engaging students this way helps them become successful analytical thinkers and clarifies for them the relevance of science, technology, engineering, and math in their everyday life which prepares them for college and careers per the Next Generation Science Standards website. Or watch the Ted Talk by Ayah Bdeir, the creator of Little Bits.

The Cohasset Education Foundation partners with our community and schools to promote excellence in the Cohasset Public Schools. Over 10 years, the CEF funded nearly \$1 million in 98 grants including most recently: Sphero app-enabled robotic balls to teach basic coding to 5th graders; visiting author series for Osgood and Deer Hill students;



Charlie Lankow and Andrew Garelick. COURTESY PHOTO



Tyler Henry and Wyatt Miller. COURTESY PHOTO

Bee Bots coding initiative at the Osgood School; production equipment for the Stop Motion Animation class; and the Model UN program for high school students.

As a private foundation, the CEF is able and willing to take the risk on something new. If the project proves to be valuable, the school district incorporates any ongoing costs into its

budget. As you write your end of year checks, please consider the CEF. Find out more about CEF and the Learning Commons capital campaign at: cohasseteducationfoundation.org.



Charlie Bushley (standing), Jackson Keay, Joshua Young, and Sam Keene.



Taylor Soderberg and Casey Nichols.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Jeanette F. Foulke

COHASSET — Jeanette F. Emanuella Foulke, age 67, of Cohasset, passed away at home on December 7, 2016.

Daughter of the late Frances H. (Barbuto) and Anthony R. Emanuella, she was the sister of Anthony P. Emanuella of Cohasset, and Albert V. Emanuella and wife Lucia of Hingham; aunt of Albert A. Emanuella of Hingham, Lynica Emanuella of Hingham, Brian A. Emanuella of Foxboro and Lisa Emanuella of Boston.

Jeanette participated in the Marching Band of Hull. She was a figure skater and an artist, who loved to crochet, sing and cook. Jeanette also enjoyed cross country skiing



Jeanette F. Foulke

and walking at World's End.

She worked at select salons as a hairdresser.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Church, Cohasset.

For an online guest book, please visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

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Jane M. Hamilton

COHASSET — Jane Marie (O'Hayre) Hamilton, age 65, of Cohasset, passed on December 7, 2016 after a brief illness. She was married to Frank C.J. "Joe" Hamilton for 40 years.

Daughter of the late Robert and Genevieve O'Hayre, she leaves her sons, Edward of Quincy, Andrew and his wife Lauryn of Kingston, and her daughter Joanna and husband Anthony of Plumas Lake, CA. She was the loving grandmother of Adeline and Maeve of Kingston. Sister of Robert O'Hayre of Scituate, Kathleen Kester of Trinity, TX. and preceded in death by Mary and Elizabeth (Teddy). Also survived by her sister-in-law Dayle Dickinson of Hull and many nieces and nephews.

Jane loved the beach, road trips, golf, and being outdoors. Her favorite pastime was plant-



Jane M. Hamilton

ing flowers for her back deck in the spring.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony Church, 10 Summer St., Cohasset. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Jane may be made to the Cohasset Food Pantry, 129 So. Main St., Cohasset, MA 02025.

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David W. Knowles

HINGHAM — David Whitelaw Knowles, age 90, of Hingham, formerly of Cohasset, passed away on November 30, 2016 with family at his side.

Born in Arlington, to Maurine (Whitelaw) and Arthur I. Knowles, David was raised in Braintree. He graduated from Braintree High School in 1944 as Class President and went on to serve in the U.S. Army from 1944-1945, stationed in Korea.

In 1950, David married Patricia A. Greene and three years later they moved to Cohasset, where they lived for thirty-five years.

He was the owner and president of Globe Rubber Works, located initially in Boston and later in Rockland. He successfully operated the company until its sale and his retirement, at which time he and Patti relocated to Sarasota, Fla.

He enjoyed skiing at Waterville Valley with family for many years and gardening at his Cohasset home, spending hours with his wife Patti in their beautiful gardens.

While in Florida, David was an avid tennis player, who not

only loved to play, sometimes as much as three days per week, but took great joy in teaching anyone who wanted to learn.

He dedicated time to both the condominium association in Florida and Overlook Condominiums in Campton, NH.

David was the loving husband of Patricia (Greene) Knowles. He was the beloved father of Deborah Anderson and husband Gary of Cohasset and Holly Jane Knowles and her partner Cynthia Schofield of Thornton, NH. Mr. Knowles was the adored grandfather of Katherine DiTolla and husband James of Braintree and Elizabeth Niebauer and husband Patrick of Scituate. David is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Elisa Jane, Addilyn Katherine and William David.

Services and interment will be held at a later date.

For a complete obituary, please visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com.

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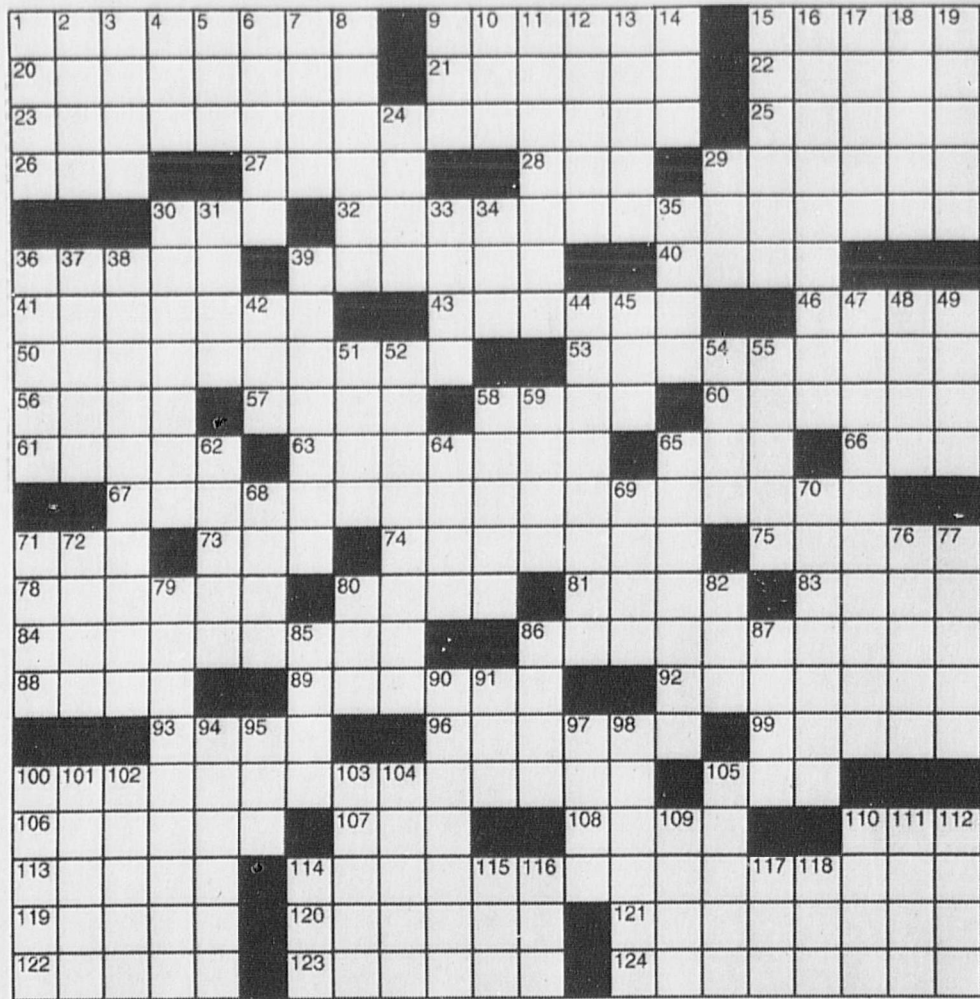
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PUZZLES

Crossword • AS THE SAVING GOES



- ACROSS
- 1 Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 9 Super deals
- 15 Stage back-drop
- 20 Aired in installments
- 21 Martial arts instructor
- 22 City near Dallas
- 23 Focus applied when covering a surface with concrete?
- 25 Styx setting
- 26 Ill, to Italians
- 27 Jai —
- 28 Solo in sci-fi
- 29 Hunker for
- 30 Prefix for tax or charge
- 32 College between two hills?
- 36 Suggest
- 39 Puts forward as fact
- 40 Bakery decorator
- 41 Try to be like
- 43 "Pinball Wizard" band
- 46 Shrek is one
- 50 Great review from the wife of George Washington?
- 53 Scandi-navian king's lubricant?
- 56 Certain iPad
- 57 German coin
- 58 Harvest yield
- 60 Crooner Vic
- 61 Tailor, e.g.
- 63 Cut, as a 58-Across
- 65 Hitler Gehrig
- 66 Cause trouble
- 67 Question to an animal doc at an amusement park?
- 71 Star, e.g.
- 73 "Ilmatic" rapper
- 74 Drop-leaf table
- 75 Chief city of the Ruhr
- 78 Butlers
- 80 Ruby and scarlet
- 81 See 31-Down
- 83 Crooner Perry
- 84 Caesar's hail to a mariner?
- 86 Buck that's toiling away?
- 88 Enumeration
- 89 Loafer liner
- 92 Grand Slam tennis events
- 93 Completely engrossed
- 96 President before Bush
- 99 — lance (pit viper variety)
- 100 Seamstress who was Adam's mate?
- 105 Downed
- 106 Italian cry at a dinner table
- 107 Canon — (camera line)
- 108 Caspian Sea feeder
- 110 "Attack, mull!"
- 113 Not as young
- 114 Tennis great Rod who keeps every-one safe?
- 119 Pixar figures
- 120 "In this way"
- 121 1970s-90s carrier to Lima
- 122 Collagist Max
- 123 Positive responses
- 124 Eased up on
- DOWN
- 4 "— already said ..."
- 5 Actor Voight
- 6 First name of Poe
- 7 Perfumery bottle
- 8 6x9-inch book size
- 9 One-eighty from NNW
- 10 "X" amount
- 11 Psych up
- 12 Like a Thai
- 13 Tea on TV
- 14 Moral error
- 15 Ball
- 16 School unit
- 17 Arm bones
- 18 Nonreactive
- 19 Amble along
- 24 Aunts, in Baja
- 29 Month after Nov.
- 30 More briny
- 31 With 81-Across, Beehive State NCAA team
- 33 Lo-fat
- 34 Suffix of ordinals
- 35 Cello forerunner
- 36 "Byzantium" actress
- 37 AOL letter
- 38 Hip-hop DJ's equipment
- 39 Scrutinizes
- 42 — kwon do (martial art)
- 44 Carpenter's adhesive
- 45 Clued in
- 47 Is a little too proud of
- 48 Queen in a sari
- 49 Stunt master
- 51 Boot part
- 52 Sailors, say
- 54 Take too much of, for short
- 55 Member of an early-1900s art movement
- 58 Debt memos
- 59 Director Clair
- 62 "— Cop" (1988 film)
- 64 Commercial on the tube
- 65 Olympic sled course
- 68 "How — to know?"
- 69 Celebration
- 70 Jailbreaker
- 71 Indy path
- 72 Shankar on the sitar
- 76 Edit, as text
- 77 Scandi-navian
- 79 Hormones in some replacement therapies
- 80 Harry Potter pal Weasley
- 82 Draft ints.
- 85 Its cap. is Vilnius
- 86 Kaput
- 87 Toss high up
- 90 Brother of Iphigenia
- 91 Director Ang
- 94 Something novel
- 95 Sch. org.
- 97 Supply that's too abundant
- 98 Operating skyward
- 100 Theatricalize movement
- 101 Courage
- 102 Finish with
- 103 Weird
- 104 Out-of-the-way corners
- 105 Bygone Olds Chevy
- 110 Swedish film shooter
- 111 French noun suffix
- 112 Gunky stuff
- 114 Use skillfully
- 115 Ending for Brooklyn
- 116 Abbr. in trig.
- 117 Part of L.A.
- 118 Lemur cousin

Sudoku



Level: Challenging

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Q C A M P E C H E O R N S Y L
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Arrows
- Bangkok
- Bengal
- Biscay
- Campeche
- Fires
- Fundy
- Gibraltar
- Isles
- Naples
- Palma
- Plenty
- Puck
- Whales
- Winds

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that work-rushed problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter

than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share

the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

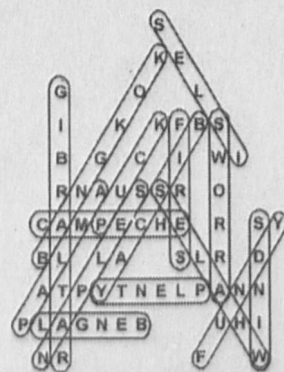
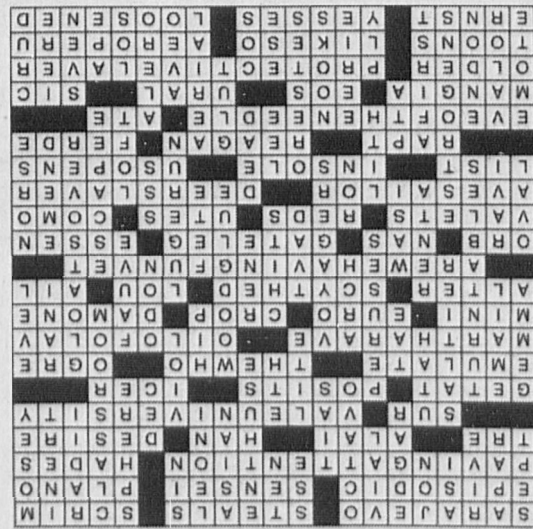
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

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SOLUTIONS



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2	7	9	5	4	3	8	6	1
8	4	6	7	1	9	3	2	5
7	1	3	2	5	8	4	9	6
4	6	2	1	9	7	5	3	8
5	9	8	4	3	6	2	1	7
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Aine Minogue to perform Dec. 18 at Coffeehouse off the Square in Hingham

WHEN: 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18
WHAT: Concert by Aine Minogue at Coffeehouse off the Square in Hingham
INFO: Aine Minogue, the well-known traditional Irish harpist-singer, will perform at Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. Admission is \$15 at the door. Desserts and beverages are \$1. Proceeds benefit the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee. Volunteers (free admission) are always welcome.

For information: 781-749-1767, www.oldschurchoffthesquare.org/coffeehouse-off-the-square.html.



Art exhibit and sale this holiday season at Front Street Art Gallery in Scituate Harbor

WHEN: Holiday season
WHAT: Art exhibit and sale at Front Street Art Gallery in Scituate Harbor
INFO: Stop by Front Street Art Gallery in Scituate Harbor this holiday season and choose a present on the wall for yourself or someone else, and then choose a free card by one of the Gallery artists. Choose from Small Treasures – a special piece of art, the limited edition Scituate lighthouse mug, a children's book, a unique metal ornament, a decorated gourd or a lighthouse bookmark for your gift giving or personal collection – gift wrapped if you like. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Mondays.

For information: 781-545-6150, frontstartgallery.com



Divas with a Twist concert Dec. 20 at Company Theatre in Norwell

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20

WHAT: Divas with a Twist will perform at Company Theatre in Norwell

INFO: Divas with a Twist will perform at the Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. A unique group comprised of five powerhouse female vocalists, backed by Grammy nominated musicians, the Divas will present classic holiday songs and fresh new arrangements of audience favorites of original cover songs with dynamic harmonies of pop, rock, jazz, country and Broadway. Tickets are \$23.

For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.



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Friday, Dec. 16

"A Christmas Carol" performances: Nov. 25-Dec. 18, Thursdays through Sundays, Company Theatre Centre for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The Charles Dickens classic is directed by Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, choreographed by Sally Forrest, with music direction by Steve Rogers. Tickets are \$39 and \$41. Show times are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 4 and 8, Sundays at 3. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

Cheryl Aruda & Dirty Blonde: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Marshfield Winter Farmers' Market: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Marshfield Fairgrounds, 140 Main St., Marshfield. Get all your holiday food/gifts. Indoors/heated under the grandstands. 30+ vendors of all local produce, meats, hot/cold prepared foods, bread/baked goods, home goods, and select artisans. Admission and parking are free. Grounds are stroller and wheelchair friendly. Live music by Dan Durkee and free kids activity. SNAP/EBT accepted with matching (buy \$20 get another \$20 produce/eggs free). For information: 781-635-0889, www.MarshfieldFarmers-Market.com.

"The Nutcracker" performances: 1 and 6 p.m., Thayer Academy, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Presented by South Shore Ballet Theatre. More than 85 local dancers will bring to life the story set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score. For information: www.tututix.com, www.southshoreballettheatre.com.

"Karaoke Kristmas": 1-3 p.m., Lincoln Street, Norwell. The Norwell Voice Studio, center for private music lessons in guitar, voice and piano, is hosting an event for kids of all ages. Children will participate in singing Christmas songs "on stage" and together as a choir, and share in Christmas cookies snack time and Yankee

Swap. Advance enrollment required. Karaoke Kristmas is \$50 and children should take a Yankee Swap gift for \$10 or under. For information: 781-659-2410, www.facebook.com/norwellvoicestudio.

Opening reception: 3-4:30 p.m., Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury. Local artist Jory Mason of Halifax is having an opening reception for her solo exhibition, "ViewPoints," on display now through Jan. 3. For information: jorymasonfineart.com.

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Christmas tree lighting on the Esplanade: 5-5:30 p.m., Brant Rock. Join in with friends and neighbors to celebrate the spirit of the holidays. Music hot chocolate, cookies. Sponsored by The Jetty.

Owl Prowl: 7-9 p.m., North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Search the secretive domain of one of nature's most skilled nocturnal hunters with hopes of observing these stealthy creatures alongside teacher naturalist Doug Lowry. Preregistration is required. \$24/\$20 member. Dress for cold temperatures and take a flashlight with a red light option if you have one. For information: 781-837-9400, massaudubon.org/southshore.

Gun Powder & Lead: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Sunday, Dec. 18

"The Nutcracker" performance: 1 p.m., Thayer Academy, 745 Washington St., Braintree. Presented by South Shore Ballet Theatre. More than 85 local dancers will bring to life the story set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score. For information: www.tututix.com, www.southshoreballettheatre.com.

"A Christmas Carol" performances: Nov. 25-Dec. 18, Thursdays through Sundays, Company Theatre Centre for the Arts, 30 Accord Park

Drive, Norwell. The Charles Dickens classic is directed by Zoe Bradford and Jordie Saucerman, choreographed by Sally Forrest, with music direction by Steve Rogers. Tickets are \$39 and \$41. Show times are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 4 and 8, Sundays at 3. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

Aine Minogue: 4 p.m., Coffeehouse off the Square, Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. The well-known traditional Irish harpist and singer will perform. Admission is \$15 at the door. Desserts and beverages are \$1. For information: 781-749-1767, www.oldschurchoffthesquare.html.

Living Nativity: 5 p.m., Town Green, 1981 Ocean St., Marshfield. First Congregational Church of Marshfield children will present the Living Nativity. Hot chocolate and goodies will be served for those who stop by.

Monday, Dec. 19

NAMI caregivers support group: 6-7:30 p.m., Vin-fen's office, 5 Fennell Drive, Weymouth, presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness. A caregivers support group for those who have loved ones living with mental illness. Facilitators guide the group offering advice and support. Group meets the first and third Monday each month (except legal holidays - meet on Tuesday following holiday). For information: namisouthshore@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Movie showing: 2 and 6:30 p.m., Jones Room, Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. See "Love Actually," rated R, following the lives of eight very different couples in dealing with their love lives in various loosely inter-related tales all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London, England. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

Winter Solstice Celebration: 7 p.m., Old Ship Meetinghouse, 90 Main St., Hingham. The annual celebration marks the shortest day of the year with poetry and song. Take a favorite winter poem to share if you like, or stop in to listen. The Crossroads Singers, a local group, will perform poems set to music. All are welcome. For information: 781-749-0543.

Divas with a Twist concert: 7:30 p.m., Company

Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. A unique group comprised of five powerhouse female vocalists, backed by Grammy nominated musicians, the Divas will present classic holiday songs and fresh new arrangements of audience favorites of original cover songs with dynamic harmonies of pop, rock, jazz, country and Broadway. Tickets are \$23. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Winter Solstice Hayride: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Winslow Cemetery Road, Marshfield. Take your own box dinner. Hot cocoa, dessert, hay bale seating around the campfire, stories of animals transitioning into the winter, and a solstice hayride guided by lanterns will be provided. Preregistration is required. \$11/\$8 member. For information: 781-837-9400, massaudubon.org/southshore.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Chess Club: 3 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. All levels. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

Teen Movie: 5:30 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Ages 12+. Registration required. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

Drop-In Knitting Group: 6:30 p.m., Young Adult Area, Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. Adults and teens are welcome (over age 11). If you are already a knitter, take some projects for "show and tell." All supplies are provided and someone to teach you the basics. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

Rick Russell on guitar and vocals joins the Willie J. Laws Band: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth to start. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws Jr. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza. Christmas party. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Friday, Dec. 23

Jimmy Connor Country Band: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Early closing: Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth, will close at 5 p.m. for Christmas Eve. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Monday, Dec. 26

PFLAG meeting: 7:30 p.m., First Parish Church, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury. The South Shore Chapter of Greater Boston PFLAG will hold its monthly support group meeting for

parents and friends of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning) people. For information: duxburyflag@gmail.com, gbpflag.org.

SSHAGLY meeting: 7:30 p.m., First Parish Church, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury. SSHAGLY (South Shore Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Youth) is a meeting and support group exclusively for youth ages 14-22 and has returned at a new location at First Parish Church. For information: sshagly@gmail.com, bagly.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Craftroom - Perler Beads: 3:30-5 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Grades 2+ Registration required. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

Owl Prowl: 7-9 p.m., North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Search the secretive domain of one of nature's most skilled nocturnal hunters with hopes of observing these stealthy creatures alongside teacher naturalist Doug Lowry. Preregistration is required. \$24/\$20 member. Dress for cold temperatures and take a flashlight with a red light option if you have one. For information: 781-837-9400, massaudubon.org/southshore.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

December Vacation Programs: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 28-30, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Drop-off programs for children in grades 1-5, ages 7-11. Play, explore, do activities each day, hot cocoa by the fire. Preregistration is required. \$70/\$60 per member child per day (register for any or all; daily activities vary). For information: 781-837-9400, massaudubon.org/southshore.

Thursday, Dec. 29

December Vacation Programs: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 28-30, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Drop-off programs for children in grades 1-5, ages 7-11. Play, explore, do activities each day, hot cocoa by the fire. Preregistration is required. \$70/\$60 per member child per day (register for any or all; daily activities vary). For information: 781-837-9400, massaudubon.org/southshore.
Fancy Nancy Tea Party: 4 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Age 2+. Decorate a tiara or necktie. Learn a mini French lesson and color. Enjoy fancy snacks and dress in your fanciest attire. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

Drop-In Knitting Group: 6:30 p.m., Young Adult Area, Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For adults and teens, over age 11. If you are already a knitter, take some projects for "show and tell." All of the supplies to get you

started are supplied, and someone to teach you the basics. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

Friday, Dec. 30

December Vacation Programs: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 28-30, North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Drop-off programs for children in grades 1-5, ages 7-11. Play, explore, do activities each day, hot cocoa by the fire. Preregistration is required. \$70/\$60 per member child per day (register for any or all; daily activities vary). For information: 781-837-9400, massaudubon.org/southshore.

Ongoing

Art exhibit: Dec. 3-Jan. 5, Hingham Library, Clemens Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. The work of artist Marianne F. Buckley Curran is on display. She paints in oils, watercolors and acrylics; on small canvases and wall murals. She also teaches art at South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell and for the town of Hull through the Community Education Program. For information: 781-741-1405, www.hinghamlibrary.org.

Square dance lessons: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, First Congregational Church, 12 Church St., Rockland. The Hobomock Hoedowners Square Dance Club will be giving square dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 28. Singles and couples are welcome. First class is free. For information: 781-812-2944.

Autism Network meeting: Emmanuel Parish, 519 Washington St., Braintree. Braintree Autism Network for our Daughters and Sons meets every other month September through June, 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month. The meetings are open to all parents or guardians of children who live in Braintree and have an autism spectrum disorder or live elsewhere but attend school in Braintree and have an ASD. There is no cost or obligation and membership is confidential. Call Leah Nabstedt for more information at 617-943-2452.

Artisans in the Square is a working artisans' cooperative located at 63 South St. in Hingham Square. The shop is staffed by the 15 members who work on their craft while doing their shifts. Stop in to watch them or chat. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Open until 8 p.m. the first Friday of the month, including reception from 5-8 p.m. to meet the artisans. Refreshments are served. For application or any inquiries, email info@artisansinthesquare.com. For information: 781-749-2590, www.artisansinthesquare.com.

New Beginnings Support Group: 6 p.m. each Monday, Abington Senior Center Building, 441 Summer St., Abington. All widows, widowers, separated, divorced and singles welcome. For information: 781-499-2659.

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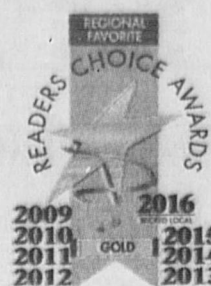
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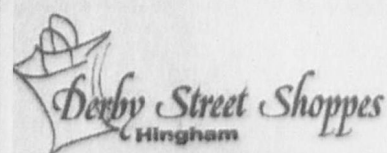
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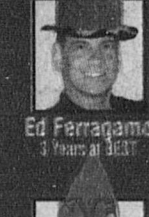
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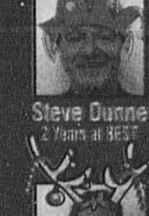
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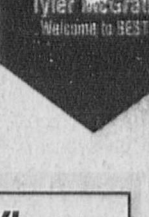
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